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ASBESTOS FOUND IN CITY SHOPS DUE TO BE DEMOLISHED

Empty premises are due to be flattened

ASBESTOS has been found in a row of empty shops due for demolition. The units, in Bell Street, Wolverhampton, are poised for demolition in the coming weeks as part of a £1 billion investment.

Work on the row of empty premises, close to the Mander Centre car park entrance, is still due to go ahead, say council bosses, as the authority looks to move its Southside makeover forward.

An investigation of the site revealed the potentially harmful materials, with the council saying: "Provided it is left undisturbed, it poses no danger to anyone, and it will not delay the demolition process."

Asbestos was used widely in construction because it is strong, durable and fire-resistant. According to NHS Choices, it is dangerous if 'a material containing it becomes damaged and the fibres are released into the air'. This is because it can cause permanent scarring to people's lungs if exposed to the group of minerals over time.

A Wolverhampton Council spokesman said: "Site investigations have shown there is the presence of asbestos consistent with older properties of this type.

"Provided it is left undisturbed, it poses no danger to anyone, and it will not delay the demolition process. We will employ licensed contractors to remove and safely dispose of it as part of the preparatory works before full demolition begins."

The news comes just weeks after the authority revealed a vision for the busy junction between Bell Street, Victoria Street and Skinner Street.

An artist's impression showed the junction as being pedestrianised with its own water feature, trees and seating. Although the council has not confirmed whether its move to buy up the Bell Street premises is linked to that plan, it bought land and property at 1-5 Bell Street last April to 'strengthen its landownership' whilst it demolished the former Netto site on the corner of Cleveland Street and Snow Hill.

Since Netto was demolished, the land has since become a car park and will eventually house the new market.

Ex-firefighter's call but hospital chiefs say it is low risk

CLADDING NEEDS FIXING 'SOON'

HOSPITAL bosses have been urged to fix 'combustible' cladding as soon as possible. But the cladding at New Cross Hospital will not be removed until a suitable replacement can be found, chiefs have said.

The material, which covers both ends of the hospital's Heart and Lung centre, failed a safety test earlier this month after new measures were brought in following the Grenfell Tower disaster. Cladding on the building was found to include Aluminium Composite material.

By Jessica Labhart

Bosses said the material did not pose an immediate danger but that it would be removed and replaced in the future.

Councillor Greg Brackenridge, Labour councillor for Wednesfield South, who is a former firefighter and on the board of the West Midlands Fire Authority, said: "Once something has failed a combustibility test, we want if off as soon as possible, but it must be replaced with something appropriate and safe."

Tunnels

Chief executive David Loughton, who was speaking at a Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust board meeting, said: "You cannot compare this like for like with Grenfell.

"Grenfell had one staircase as the main entry and exit route. In our centre there are multiple routes in and out as well as tunnels beneath the building.

"The fire officers have been down and assessed this centre as a low risk to staff and patients. So what me must do is look to remove and replace it with insulation that can withstand the minus 10 degrees temperature in December."

The report showed that the trust, which runs the hospital, had immediately created an action plan to address the issue and called in fire officers to assess the building.

A statement in the 'Heart & Lung Centre – four stage plan' said: "Due to the already high standard of general fire precautions in the Heart and Lung Centre the residual risk was deemed to be acceptable while awaiting further guidance."

The fire precautions at the centre were considered to be good compartmentation, with good alarm systems, the building only having five storeys, well-trained staff available 24/7 and on site security.

However, the cost of addressing the issue of the cladding is not yet clear.

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UPGRADE

Gas main work is now put on hold

A MAJOR scheme to upgrade the gas mains in Wolverhampton due to start at the end of last week has been postponed due to engineering issues.

Work on the scheme in Compton Road, expected to last for two weeks, has been rescheduled. Gas distribution company Cadent has apologised for the hold-up.

Motorists had been bracing themselves for a fortnight of delays as Compton Road between Crawford Street and Hartley Street was due to be closed.

Cadent said it would be liaising with householders and businesses and informing them as soon as a new date has been agreed. The work will replace ageing iron mains with tough plastic pipes.

THEATRE

Grand show pulled over pay dispute

THOUSANDS of theatregoers have been left disappointed after this week's six-day run of Wonderland the Musical in Wolverhampton was cancelled.

The move was forced after the firm providing the sound equipment removed its property in a dispute with the production company over payment. Grand Theatre bosses said ticket sales had been strong.

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FOOTBALL

£2,000 equipment stolen in club raid

BURGLARS snatched £2,000 worth of grounds equipment from a football club.

Bosses at Wednesfield FC arrived at its Cottage Ground last Friday morning to find the lock had been broken off a shed. Mowers and other machinery had been taken.

It came 24 hours after the club unveiled its new Carl Ikeme stand.

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Fans' penalty shoot-out for Ikeme

Steve Plant and Andy Key

A 24-HOUR penalty shoot-out will take place at Molineux on Saturday to raise money for charity after Carl Ikeme was diagnosed with leukaemia.

The Wolves goalkeeper was diagnosed earlier this month and is undergoing treatment. Messages of support have poured in from across the footballing world for the 31-year-old. The footballing challenge is to take place before the first home game of the season against Middlesbrough.

It will start 10am the day before and continue through until 10am on the day Wolves kick-off their 2017/18 Championship campaign. Organised by the club and fan Steve Plant – who is known for his sell-out book They Wore The Shirt – the event will raise money for the Cure Leukaemia charity.

The 56-year-old, from Wordsley, said: "On a personal level I got to know Carl really well when I was putting the book together. He'd become a friend rather than a player. That was why I wanted to get involved."

Club legend Steve Bull will kick-start the event before fans are invited to try their luck at a penalty at £5 for three shots. A 'top bins' challenge – similarly to the one on Soccer AM – will give fans the chance to win a certificate and the chance to take a penalty at a future game. Anyone wanting to take part will be asked to text CARL24 to 70070, the money will go straight to the charity, they will receive a message and just have to show it upon arrival.

The penalty challenge will take place inside Wolfie's Den inside the Stan Cullis stand. A family fun day fundraiser will take place on September 2 from noon-2pm during the football international break.

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Safety alert as attacks rise at Featherstone jail

FEATHERSTONE Prison has been given a rock bottom safety rating. It is of 'serious concern' according to prison inspectors.

They have given the 687-capacity jail the lowest rating of one out of four in the category.

Attacks on staff have more than doubled in a year from 23 to 50 last year, and assaults in general also rose from 146 to 192.

The annual report on prisons, released by the Ministry of Justice, also revealed safety concerns at young offenders institution Swinfen Hall, near Lichfield, given the second-lowest rating of two out of four by HMIP.

Oakwood, a 1,600-capacity Category C prison next to Featherstone, and Brinsford YOI, which holds 577 inmates near the same site just outside Wolverhampton, were given a rating of three, meaning safety was meeting targets.

Rioting

This is despite assaults at Oakwood rising in a year from 263 to 445 in 2016, including 152 on assaults on staff.

HMP Birmingham at Winson Green, which was the scene of serious rioting, was also given a rating of three, despite attacks there rising overall from 518 to 914.

Safety levels at Stafford Prison – where disgraced star Rolf Harris was jailed until May – were 'exceptional' and it was given the highest rating.

Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, said: "HMP Featherstone has been facing some significant challenges of late and these figures reflect the challenges.

"We've seen an increase in prison officer numbers which I hope will have a significant impact in terms of improving things going forward. I think the Ministry of Justice needs to make sure it's giving the right level of support to HMP with regards to the issue.

"The Justice Secretary needs to make sure there's a firm grip on challenges of all prisons. We hope to see a distinct improvement at Featherstone."

Sent off: Young team gets red card

Young footballers upset at being told by the council that they cannot play football matches at Bantock Park

A NEWLY-FORMED children's football team has been told it cannot play matches at the park a stone's throw from where its players go to school.

Eight of the 11 youngsters who signed-up to the under-nines team attend Uplands Primary School, Finchfield, Wolverhampton.

The team has been training at nearby Bantock Park since it was formed four weeks ago but after approaching the council to play home league matches there they were told they could not be accommodated.

Wolverhampton Council said the site the team has identified for a pitch was prone to waterlogging and other pitches had been offered elsewhere.

Mother Amanda Street, said: "Obviously we have been left disappointed and little confused as all we want is permission for a seven-a-side pitch marked out so the boys can play football."

New boss of the 'super council' will earn £187k

THE new chief executive of the West Midlands 'super council' will be paid £187,500 a year – £7,500 more than the advertised salary.

Deborah Cadman, aged54, currently chief executive of Suffolk County Council, will take up the role at the West Midlands Combined Authority later in the year. The role was advertised with a salary of between £160,000 and £180,000. She is due to start in September. Details of 'relocation expenses'and 'other matters' have so far been kept under wraps.

Extra

Her previous role in Suffolk came with a £170,000-a-year salary. It is £108,500 more than the first elected West Midlands Mayor Andy Street who is paid £79,000. The authority said the extra £7,500 in salary can be paid for out of the remaining budget for the body.

Mrs Cadman, who is from Birmingham, will replace interim chief executive Martin Reeves, who will return to Coventry City Council. Pete Durnell, who was the UKIP mayoral candidate, said: "At the rate it is going it will barely pay the salaries of the staff."

A combined authority spokesman said: "A degree of flexibility will always be required when trying to secure the strongest candidate."

Cinema plan in centre expansion

MERRY Hill owners intu have revealed dramatic plans for a new cinema and a string of restaurants as part of a major extension of the shopping centre.

The company has just bought the building that houses the existing Odeon cinema at Merry Hill and is now in talks with the chain to move it into a new cinema building that would be constructed at the rear of the centre.

It would be surrounded by restaurants as part of intu's aim to double the amount of entertainment and eating space.

The scheme, expected to go to Dudley Council planners later this year, is part of intu's £100 million programme of improvements at the shopping centre over the next few years.

It's music heaven

THE sounds of the 1950s and 60s will be re-lived at a concert this autumn. As part of a 35-date UK tour, Rockin' On Heavens Door will play at the Robin 2 in Bilston on September 10.

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Success of 'exciting' languages programme

AN 'EXCITING' programme helping to break language barriers within communities is set to be rolled out across the city.

Wolverhampton Council has revealed more non-native speakers living in the area are learning English as part of its Language@Work initiative.

It comes as the council announced the programme is now 'set to grow' under a new partnership formed to deliver its ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) course after being successfully delivered in areas of Wolverhampton.

Support

Councillor John Reynolds, cabinet member for city economy, said: "This is an exciting initiative co-ordinated by the skills team at the council, offering residents who have English as a second language specialist support and training.

"It is also a great way of celebrating our commitment to equalities and celebrating the many different faiths and cultures we have in our city."

The council teamed up with other organisations and adult education services to launch and deliver a 'one-city response' to providing support for non-native English speakers.

Wolverhampton Learning Platform, Adult Education Wolverhampton and City of Wolverhampton College united with council officers to address needs.

Witness plea on arson at firm

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following an arson attack at industrial premises in Wombourne.

The incident at Wombourne Windows, on the Wombourne Enterprise Park, is believed to have happened either late last Wednesday evening or during the early hours of Thursday.

The fire was contained meaning there was minimal damage to the premises.

A detailed examination of the scene was undertaken by Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Scene of Crime Officers. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information should call 101 quoting incident number 142 of 27 July or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Extension to go

AN 'insensitive' extension at the Grade II-listed Mount Hotel in Wolverhampton is to be removed and replaced by a two-storey block under plans. The move is part of a £2.9 million five-year refurbishment.

Safety review now part of Civic revamp

Security will be beefed up at venues

SECURITY will be beefed up at two city centre venues in the wake of the Manchester terror attack, council chiefs have revealed.

Major reviews of the safety of Wolverhampton's Civic and Wulfrun Halls will be included in a comprehensive £150,000 survey of the buildings, while the current £14.4 million revamp is in process.

Bosses said a review into safety and security at the venues needed to take place too, following what the council called 'recent events in the UK'.

Councillor John Reynolds, cabinet member for city economy, said the new safety elements would be internal, structural features which would be installed throughout the buildings, such as electronically-controlled security doors.

"While work on the buildings is being done, it makes sense to incorporate these features now rather than pay more at a later date," said Councillor Reynolds.

The review includes fire systems, as well as an assessment into heating, ventilation, lighting, IT and the alarm systems.

The city council's cabinet approved spending an extra £150,000, described as 'an unexpected occurrence', from the council's emergency contingency reserve.

The revamp began in January and both halls will reopen at their current capacity for public events between October 21 and January 1. The Civic Hall will then close for further work until October next year.

The major improvement scheme at the halls is aimed at 'attract more popular acts and increase visitor numbers'

Pc: I tried to revive robber after arrest

AN armed police officer who arrested a robber, who within minutes was unresponsive, and later died, has denied he ignored signs he needed urgent medical care.

PC Allen, of West Midlands Police Firearms Unit, was the first officer to respond to reports a robbery had taken place and the culprit had been detained by two trees surgeons who had been driving past.

He handcuffed 29-year-old David McTaggart, a prolific car key burglar, and told him he was under arrest, the inquest heard. Earlier this week the officer told the inquest jury he asked McTaggart if he had any 'sharps' to which he received the reply "no."

At this point PC Allen said he left McTaggart with another officer who had just arrived while he got details from the two tree surgeons who had performed the citizen's arrest.

Concerns

It was then PC Allen was asked to go back and look at McTaggart as the other officer had concerns he was unwell. PC Allen, said: "David's skin colour had changed from when I initially arrived, he was much paler. I could not find a pulse at first despite several attempts in different locations."

PC Allen went on to perform CPR until paramedics arrived. McTaggart was taken to New Cross Hospital where he died three days later on October 19 last year.

Mr Huw Davies, representing McTaggart's family, asked PC Allen if he accepted he had ignored signs to take immediate remedial action when he first arrived. PC Allen, said: "There were no other signs."

Mr Davies, asked: "His calmness, his lack of life signs, should that not have prompted immediate action?" PC Allen, replied: "No. I have arrested people before who have fought and at the point they are arrested have given up."

McTaggart, of Greenwood Road, Wolverhampton was detained in Stafford Road, Wolverhampton at around midnight last October.

The inquest, at Black Country Coroner's Court, was due to last all week.

Bear Grylls scouts out airport

Crowds look on after Bear Grylls flies into the region on his latest mission

SURVIVAL expert Bear Grylls flew into the region as he took on his latest mission – encouraging youngsters to enjoy the great outdoors.

Crowds flocked to Halfpenny Green Airport, near Wolverhampton, to see the former SAS soldier turned TV personality, who typically arrived in style, touching down in a helicopter.

But, for the day at least, he was not playing up to his role as no-nonsense survival leader, but talking up the benefits of joining the Scouts. Grylls is the UK's Chief Scout and ambassador for the group. He has become famous for his incredible feats of survival, travelling across the world to some of the most remote and harshest locations.

Grylls was immediately mobbed by hundreds of excitable children as he stepped off the helicopter. The star stopped to speak to youngsters at Bobbington airport

NEWS IN BRIEF

Health bosses get top rating – again

THE group that runs Wolverhampton's health services has managed to keep its 'outstanding' rating for another year, one of only four groups across the country to do so.

Wolverhampton CCG has been given the rating by NHS England.

The CCG was recognised for continued strong leadership, working in partnership, high staff satisfaction, innovation and forward thinking.

Dr Helen Hibbs, chief officer of NHS Wolverhampton CCG said: "It is only through making further improvements that we can make a difference to the health and care services for the people of Wolverhampton."

Shoplifters take £4k Boots goods

THOUSANDS of pounds worth of products were stolen from a Boots store at a retail park in two separate shoplifting raids.

The suspects, two women, targeted the Bentley Bridge branch making off with around £2,000 worth of goods on each occasion. Police said they stole fragrances and make-up items.

Police are now appealing for information over the incidents on July 6 and July 17 Anyone with information call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, quoting crime number 20WV/153810Z/17.

Grass fires wreak havoc as calls rise

A RISE in yobs starting grass fires, some spreading to buildings, is causing chaos with crews called out to nearly six a day.

In May and June alone there were 348 call-outs in Staffordshire, a 43 per cent increase on the 243 in the same two months last year. A recent fire saw a Rugeley School for children with autism burned to the ground.

Now, in an unorthodox bid to drive down incidents Staffordshire Fire has released a rap video to help spread their campaign message that Flames Aren't Games.

20 sheep stolen in overnight farm raid

MORE than 20 sheep were stolen from a farm overnight. The 23 breeding rams were all taken from a property on Bridgnorth Road in Perton.

They all had ear notches, a 'B' marked in red on them and ear tags reading UK167662.

Staffordshire Police have warned owners to review their security and check their livestock regularly. Anyone with information should call the police force on 101.

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Four in five happy with rail journey

MORE than four in five rail passengers in the West Midlands are satisfied with their journeys, according to a new survey.

Some 92 per cent of users said they were satisfied with Virgin Trains' service and 84 per cent with London Midland – slightly higher than the national average.

Overall 83 per cent of people were satisfied with their last train journey according to Transport Focus' spring survey of 27,000 passengers.

This is an increase of three per cent compared with the same period last year and is the joint-highest figure since autumn 2012.

More students are proving first class

UNIVERSITIES across the West Midlands have seen a rise in the number of students gaining first class degrees.

Data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency found that the University of Wolverhampton has seen the biggest rise in figures.

In 2010/11, 10.3 per cent of students gained first class honours and that has now risen 13.8 per cent in 2015/16, with 24 per cent of students making the grade.

Across the UK the proportion of first class degrees being handed out has soared, with a third of institutions now grading at least one in four with a top honour.

Snap to it and join photo challenge

YOUNG people are being urged to get snapping during the school holidays and enter their photos into the RSPCA's Young Photographer Awards.

Entries can depict a bug, a bird or a big, beautiful mammal, as photos of any kinds of wildlife and animals are welcome.

For the first time there will be a prize given for the best photograph taken on a mobile phone. The deadline for entries is 4pm on August 18. Go to www.rspca.org.uk/ypa/17

Authority has new director of finance

THE latest key appointment to its executive top tier has been announced by West Midlands Combined Authority.

Sean Pearce was named as director of finance for the authority, joining a team led by £187,000-a-year chief executive Deborah Cadman. Mr Pearce was chief financial officer at Worcestershire County Council for six years. He will start in the autumn.

Child asylum seekers on way to city

CHILD asylum seekers from war-torn countries like Syria are on their way to Wolverhampton. But there is a shortage of suitable foster carers to look after the unaccompanied youngsters, the city council says.

Wolverhampton is a designated City of Sanctuary and has agreed to take five or six unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. But the majority of foster carers are white British and the council wants to match families more appropriately to the children, seeking carers from more diverse backgrounds.

Council chiefs said that 'supporting asylum seeker children up to their 18th birthday will bring a new set of challenges'.

Councillor Val Gibson, cabinet member for children and young people said: "We are looking to find the right placements at the right time, finding permanent homes as quickly as possible because of the increase in unaccompanied asylum seeker children."

The number of foster carers in the city is 151. The number of so called 'looked-after' children was recorded as 643 as of the end of March 2017.

It is not known what percentage of these were asylum seekers. The children are being taken as part of the National Transfer Protocol for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker children and will be government funded.

The council said fostering is not the only only option with each to be assessed on their individual needs

Earlier this year Wolverhampton Council committed to taking up to 100 refugees over the next five years as part of a Whitehall-led initiative.

Low-paid jobs claim at freight hub denied

By Rob Golledge

THE developer of a proposed rail freight hub has challenged claims the scheme will create 'low-paid' jobs.

Peter Frost, managing director of Four Ashes Ltd, said workers in the logistics industry are paid better than other roles and that salaries were rising above national levels.

Peter Frost

It comes as campaigners are fighting plans for the West Midlands Interchange rail and warehouse depot which would span 700 acres at Four Ashes, Gailey, and Calf Heath in Staffordshire. The scheme, if approved, is expected to create 8,500 jobs and attract workers from across the Black Country and Staffordshire.

But campaigners, including South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson, have said the jobs would be 'low-skilled and low-paid'. However, Mr Frost said: "This does come up quite a lot. The logistics industry is rapidly changing and there is an historic perception that a lot of the jobs could be unskilled. But these are valuable jobs. What is happening is that the skill level has risen tremendously."

Documents from the developer say that the jobs will provide 'a range of skill and salary levels; part time and full time; shift and non-shift'. It adds: "These would be high-quality jobs with opportunities for career development and training – and salaries well above the regional average for skilled and experienced roles.""

Mr Frost countered Mr Williamson's suggestion that creating two public parks was a 'cheap bribe'. He said: "I would have thought 100 acres of country park would demonstrate we want to go about our business in the right way."

Snakes alive! What a slippery customer

Raj Varaich and Ross Morton with the snake that was found underneath a customers car

BRAKES, check. Tyres, check. Snake, check. A mechanic got a fright when he found this reptile dangling from a car during an MOT inspection.

Hardeep Varaich was busy carrying out the MOT at his Bilston garage when the snake made its surprise appearance. The 34-year-old said he jacked up the car, and then spotted the large reptile – thought to be a yellow rat snake – twisted around the vehicle's frame.

Mr Varaich, director of Auto Trust Centre Ltd, said: "I jacked the vehicle up in the air and there it was, wrapped around the body of the vehicle, pointing it's face right towards me.

"It was at the back and hanging towards us and no-one knew what to do with it. It's actually been living in the car, we believe."

Mr Varaich said he was 'too scared' to get close to the reptile so called on staff from nearby Morton Auto Tech Ltd to lend a helping hand. A hook was used to prise the snake, measuring just under 3ft, from the white Vauxhall Corsa before it was placed in a box at the Lord Street garage.

Mr Varaich, of Lanesfield, Wolverhampton, said the owner of the car is also baffled about where the reptile came from."

Thieves take £5k worth of Metro work machinery

EQUIPMENT believed to be worth thousands of pounds has been stolen from along Bilston Road where officials were working to extend the Midland Metro line.

The machinery was stolen last week along the A41 in Wolverhampton though Midland Metro bosses have said that the theft will not impact the works.

The machinery was owned by Midland Metro Alliance and is believed to be worth around £5,000.

A spokesman for the Alliance said: "The MMA were the victims of theft during an incident on Bilston Road where items of machinery were stolen. We are working with West Midlands Police Authority regarding the crime since we notified them of it.

Progress

"The theft of items does not impact our works on the Bilston Road and excellent progress continues to be made."

A police investigation has already begun, with officers seeking CCTV from shops and businesses along the road.

The Bilston Road was closed from June 11 this year for traffic entering the city, with drivers having to travel along the A463 Black Country Route to the A4123 Birmingham New Road instead.

Drivers are still able to leave the city along the road.

The work, which has shut two tram stops, is due to be finished by this Christmas.

Hospital push for reports on crime

PATIENTS and staff at New Cross Hospital are being urged to report crime within the NHS through a scheme piloted with Crimestoppers.

There is a free phone number and website where people can report concerns anonymously.

Posters have been put up throughout the Royal Wolverhampton Trust, which runs the hospital, encouraging people to help prevent crime using the system. Staff will also be able to access reporting systems through the Trust's intranet system.

Paul Smith, Trust Security Manager at RWT, said: "Patients should be able to attend hospital and feel safe in the knowledge that there are people working within our organisation with their best interests at the heart of what they do".

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Areas show increase in raids and vandalism

BURGLARIES and criminal damage are on the rise in two areas of Wolverhampton, according to a new report.

In the Low Hill area of the city, the number of burglaries at properties from January to June this year was 17, in comparison to just four in June last year.

Similarly, in the Bushbury area, the number of property burglaries increased from two in June last year to 11 so far this year.

Criminal damage was also up in these two areas too, with 11 reported so far this year in Bushbury in comparison to four in June last year.

Low Hill has seen a significant increase in this type of offence too, with just nine instances reported in June last year in comparison to 39 incidents reported so far this year.

Shocked

Shop theft also went up in Bushbury with only two offences reported in June last year, with 18 offences reported in the areas so far this year. The figures were revealed as part of the Bushbury and Low Hill neighbourhood police team newsletter for July 2017.

Councillor Daniel Warren, Labour Councillor, Bushbury North said: "We work closely with the police. I'm surprised and slightly shocked to see the rise."

Urban Village homes progress

PLANS for hundreds of new homes in Bilston are a step closer after contractors moved on to the site to carry out investigations.

Once complete, the £176 million Bilston Urban Village regeneration scheme promises to transform the town's landscape.

Housebuilder Kier has already started building 78 new homes on the west side of Dudley Street either side of the entrance into Carder Crescent.

The first phase of the project saw the building of the Bert Williams Leisure Centre and South Wolverhampton and Bilston Academy, also the creation of a commercial development plot fronting the busy Black Country Route and the pedestrian linkage of the new site with the town centre.

Beating burglars

ADVICE on how to 'stop burglars from ruining their summer' has been issued by West Midlands Police. Information, issued online and in paper leaflets, includes tips on how to keep homes and property safe.

Wildlife centre future is secured

The Wildside Activity Centre

THE long-term future of a wildlife and outdoor pursuit centre is set to be secured with the transfer of the site to the charity which runs it.

Wildside Activity Centre in Hordern Road, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton, provides outdoor activities including canoeing, cycling and narrowboat trips for all ages and abilities.

It was set up by Wolverhampton Council but has been self-funded since May 2014. A 'community asset transfer' of the premises, including a 35-year lease, has now been agreed from the council to the organisers.

Councillor Peter Bilson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, said: "Wildside Activity Centre provides a tremendous service to the community and is run by a very dedicated team of volunteers.

"We have worked closely with the centre's leadership team to enable this Community Asset Transfer to take place. The business case they have put forward means the long-term future of the centre is secure and will serve the local community to the full."

A registered charity, The Wildside Activity Centre is committed to investing £75,000 worth of volunteer hours to provide activities and improve the facilities on a not-for-profit basis.

It is looking to further develop its programme, which includes canoeing, cycling, narrowboat trips, conservation projects, nature and adventure activities. This will be through sessions for schools, youth groups, uniformed and voluntary organisations, and disability groups, as well as family-orientated holiday programmes.

Works a disaster for business, say traders

NIGHTMARE roadworks lasting four months will be disastrous for business and 'another nail in the coffin' for part of a city, fed-up traders have said.

Long-running gas works in Worcester Street, Wolverhampton, have started and will see disruption lasting 17 weeks, which includes surrounding roads being closed off.

Businesses are also concerned about the long-term prosperity of the area given that the city's market will be moved to a new home near the Wulfrun Centre at the end of this year.

Mike Brookes, who owns One Way Music in Salop Street, said firms were not properly consulted about the roadworks and that cones were placed outside his shop days before any work was carried out. He said: "They put cones outside my shop when there was no work taking place.

"I understand these works have to be done but why don't they use some commonsense? Where is the logic in putting cones out before work has commenced?

Impact

"We had a letter to say the works were going to take place but that is not what I consider a consultation. The roadworks are yet another nail in the coffin for this part of the city."

Harry Akhtar, co-owner of Azra Ladies Wearin Worcester Street, said: "Footfall isn't great as it is, so why can't the works be done at night when its quiet and there no traffic so that it doesn't impact our business?"

The council has earmarked the area for a £55million 'Westside' regeneration scheme, with work to start next year. The project includes a 12-screen cinema, restaurants, 100-bed hotel hotel and car park.

A second phase is for more than 300 homes and 50,000 sq ft of retail and leisure space. Works on this section of the development are likely to be completed in 2022.

Steve Murray, who heads up Cadent's gas mains replacement programme in the West Midlands region, said: "We're upgrading these gas pipes so people can continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for decades. We will do our best to minimise any inconvenience."

Cones outside – Mike Brookes from One Way Music in Salop Street, Wolverhampton

'Gridlock' misery for city motorists

MIDLAND Metro roadworks are causing gridlock around Pipers Row at rush hour. Some drivers have even complained of it taking 20 minutes to get less than 100 yards from Tower Street onto Pipers Row.

The works around Pipers Row and Bilston Road are expected to continue until Christmas.

People have reported queues of traffic blocking access to the NCP car park as a bottleneck is formed outside the city's crown court.

Temporary traffic lights have been installed to try to improve the flow of traffic. But at peak times the route is becoming heavily congested adding time onto people's journeys in and out of the city centre.

The overall project is set to continue for five months as the Midland Metro Alliance continue to replace tram lines and extend them along Pipers Row into Railway Drive.

The A41 Bilston Road remains closed to vehicles looking to enter the city, though people can still exit using this route.

A spokesman for the Midland Metro Alliance said: "We are aware of the issue during peak times and are working with the council to seek a resolution."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nursery annexe proposal blocked

A PROPOSED annexe to house 40 extra children at a Wolverhampton nursery has been blocked over concerns about parking and noise.

Penn Kids in Woodfield Avenue, Penn, already hosts up to 55 children but bosses wanted to expand.

The site earmarked for the plan was a former coach house where there is currently a rockery and air raid shelter.

The expansion would have resulted in the nursery taking on two additional full-time staff, but Wolverhampton Council has refused the scheme saying it would constitute an over-development of the site.

Chance for say on police issues

PEOPLE are being urged to attend regular community policing meetings to have their say on issues in their area.

The next Low Hill Partners and Community Together (PACT) meeting is on August 8 at Low Hill Community Centre, Kempthorne Avenue from 2pm.

The next Oxley PACT meeting is on August 9 at Pendeford Community Centre, Whitburn Close, from 11am.

The aim of the meetings is for people to voice their concerns on issues of crime and anti-social behaviour .

Deputy leader is to step down

THE deputy leader of Staffordshire County Council is to step down after seven years serving. Ian Parry, has taken up a new role with the London-based Centre for Public Scrutiny.

Holding the role of cabinet member for finance and corporate matters, he has overseen the controversial closure of the Shire Hall as well as multi-million pound sell-offs of various plots owned by the council.

He will relinquish his senior positions at the end of the month but continue to serve as a councillor for Stone Rural.

Dodd is due back for show at the Wulfrun

COMEDIAN Ken Dodd will bring his latest tour to Wolverhampton at the end of the year.

The 89-year-old comedy legend will be at Wulfrun Hall, North Street, on December 10. The show is part of The Happiness Show tour which has been running all year.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Electric cars can lead to problems

SHOWING that it hasn't lost its knack for capturing the public mood and getting to grips with the burning subject that is on everybody's mind, the Government has announced it will be banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2040.

The future, it seems, is in silent, shiny electric cars, not those noisy, old-fashioned gas guzzlers. Which is rather odd, because electric cars have been around since the 1850s, and Wolverhampton industrialist Thomas Parker was one of the world's leading producers of them in the second half of the 19th century. We're hardly talking cutting edge technology.

And the reason why they didn't really catch on was because petrol and diesel power were much more efficient. Plus you don't have to trail a lead down 14 storeys if you live in a tower block.

Perhaps we need to invest in our infrastructure a little, you know, metal slots down the middle of the road, and hand-held throttles to control the speed. Maybe a plastic lap counter in the pit-stop to see how fast you're going. Let's hope they don't decide we need to move over to electric ships and aeroplanes. The extension cables will be massive.

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SPARE a thought for poor Clare Balding, having to get by on £200,000 a year for presenting commentaries on show-jumping and dressage.

Clare is one of 40 female BBC staff who have written complaining about pay inequality following the revelation that some of the corporation's male stars are being paid millions.

While it is ridiculous to suggest that Michal Husain, who is still learning the ropes, should be paid the same as veteran John Humphries, the malcontents do have a point. Is Gary Lineker really worth as much as 10 female sports presenters? Of course not.

No doubt, the BBC will spend the next few years navel-gazing about how to address this inequality, but the solution is simple, even if it is not what I suspect Balding & Co have in mind. Pay them all less. If the prime minister can manage on £150,000 a year, then so can Gary Lineker. And Clare Balding for that matter.

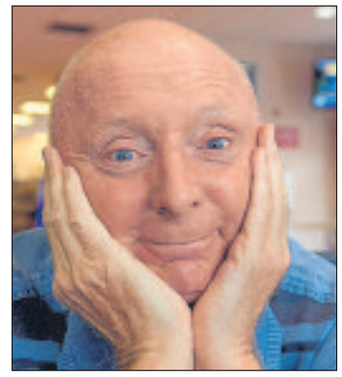
And if, as the argument goes, it means they are poached by ITV offering more money, what's the problem? I don't suppose the viewers care what channel they watch the football or horse-dancing on.

The BBC keeps telling us its role is to make unique programmes that the private sector would never provide. Fine, so get on with it. And leave the big-money, populist programmes to the private companies.

Website may say dry but really it's chucking it down

Kate on tour has raised claim that trips would be better if we had a Royal Yacht

Chancellor Philip Hammond – is he the target for the poison darts?



Jasper Carrott is due to go under the knife for major heart surgery next month

It's whether we can believe what we read

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

USING something called a supercomputer, the Met Office tells us we must expect record winter rainfall "over the next few years." By pure coincidence, this announcement came as I was consulting the BBC weather website which told me that, at that very moment, my postcode was dry and would remain so all morning. It was chucking it down. I have a lot of time for the Met Office. Looking ahead two or three days, it is much more accurate than it ever used to be. But there are times when it doesn't even know what the weather is doing now. And guesstimating what the weather will be doing years from now is like trying to nail seaweed to a pinecone.

AFTER a couple of spinal twinges, I typed "bad back" into Google and found this: "You know you're getting old when your back goes out more than you do."

THE nationwide obesity epidemic doesn't affect only humans. A reader saw a couple setting off with their plump labrador for a walk in the Yorkshire Dales. The first stile through the dry-stone wall was one of those ancient ones, made with two upright stones and a narrow gap between. The labrador was too fat to squeeze through and too heavy to lift over. End of walk.

THE successful European tour by Prince William, Kate and the kids has inevitably raised the claim that trips like this would be much better if we had a Royal Yacht. Royalists get all misty-eyed at the memory of Her Majesty stepping ashore in foreign parts from the immaculately polished Britannia. Wouldn't it be grand to build Britannia II? No it wouldn't, for two reasons. The first is that even the biggest royal yacht would be dwarfed by some of the mega-vessels owned by the global elite of Middle East princes, Russian oligarchs, dodgy businessmen and Mr Bigs of the drug industry. The second reason is that we actually have a magnificent Royal Yacht which, conveniently, already carries the Queen's name. HMS Queen Elizabeth is our shiny new 65,000-ton aircraft carrier. For the next few years it will have no aircraft and no conceivable military purpose. Let us therefore paint it white, deck it with bunting, stuff the fridges full of Pimm's, fly the Royal Standard and send it around the world to spread goodwill. And if it accidentally bumps into one or two megayachts and sinks them, so much the better.

IN the debate on gender stereotyping, I referred recently to that ancient institution, the battle of the sexes. A reader tells me his strategy is total capitulation at every opportunity. He regularly asks his wife: "What do you want doing wrong next?"

CAN Theresa May and her wobbly, minority Government survive the entire length of a full Parliament, with its Cabinet members squabbling like schoolchildren in the playground?

The Cabinet is in an unprecedented state of disarray, with malcontent members aiming their poison darts at Chancellor Philip Hammond.

JASPER Carrott, 72, is going under the knife for major heart surgery next month, followed by three months of recuperation and I feel sure we all wish this great national treasure well. I interviewed him 12 years ago when he was 60 and in great form as he unveiled his first Rock With Laughter event in Birmingham. I can see him now, leaning forward in his chair conspiratorially, as though he was sharing some great medical secret. "You know, Pete," he smiled, "we're going to be the first generation that never grows old." Time has a great way of throwing that sort of prediction back in your face. Carrott and the rest of the babyboomers have had a great time on this planet but immortality has never been part of the deal. The closest today's seventy-somethings may get to Carrott's prediction is to become the first generation that never grows up. Which, it has to be said, is better than nothing.

WHITEHALL'S plan to ban petrol and diesel vehicles from our roads by 2040, announced a couple of days ago, is presumably based on the hope that technology will deliver stronger and longer-ranged electric vehicles. At present, it takes a brave, or extremely rich, motorist to invest £40,000 in a car with a range of only 150 miles and no towing capacity. Unless we get a new generation of electric engines, we can kiss goodbye to the joys of caravanning. And what becomes of the traveller community is anyone's guess. One contributor to the Caravan Club website writes glumly: "Now you know why the travellers have kept their horses."

MEANWHILE, some mathematically-minded folk have been doing the sums on how much power recharging several cars at the same time will demand from the average household wiring system. One Daily telegraph reader predicts "Circuit breakers would pop or wiring would melt." He wonders whether every house in the land will have to be rewired.

TALKING POINT

No excuse for lack of grace and social skills

IGNORANT, anti-social or just plain rude. Whatever you want to call it, it is bang out of order.

We bring up our children – or we should – to learn social skills as well as academic ones. Good manners, the ability to communicate politely, etc. Yes the occasional swear word may creep in, especially when some boy racer driver cuts you up on a corner, but on the whole constant swearing is just unacceptable.

These social skills are so important. No matter what academic talents a person may have first impressions count, and if they are not well mannered or smartly dressed for occasions such as a job interview in most cases they should be shown the door.

Recently back from a lovely holiday in France – and I am not mentioning this because of the Brexit debate – I noticed how many of the older people, my generation, are totally lacking in social graces.

They push in, never say pardon, and do not respond when you try to be friendly or help by opening doors for them.

They give the impression that they don't want you there. Maybe they don't, but they must remember that a lot of these areas are dependent on us tourists.

Family holidays there with our children were always treasured. It is a beautiful country and having quality time with the kids was always a treat – even though it did cost us a fortune in drinks and ice creams!

But this year I was shocked by the behaviour of the young parents. Take for instance, and we saw a lot of such examples, one couple eating out in a restaurant with their young children.

Both parents were glued to their mobile phones with no interaction with the children – or even with each other. It is often said that the worst thing you can do – worse even them telling off children – is to ignore them. They were obviously guilty as charged!

And what an example to set the young ones. It is no wonder that when the children get older they will be doing exactly the same thing, on their phones instead of talking to each other.

They sometimes say that families who eat together stay together but maybe not if most of the meal time is spent staring at their mobiles. Instead show them good manners and respect, listen to what they have to say and they too will show respect in return.

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Keeping up support as Ikeme stand is unveiled

WOLVES goalkeepers past and present were on hand to formally unveil a football stand named after Carl Ikeme.

Legendary stopper Phil Parkes and current squad-member Harry Burgoyne cut the ribbon on the Carl Ikeme Stand at Wednesfield FC's Cottage Ground.

The non-league club decided to name its stand in support of Ikeme after he was diagnosed with leukaemia. Burgoyne, who made his first-team breakthrough last season, said: "It came as a shock to Carl I'm sure but he seems to have taken it really well and he knows all the lads are behind him.

"After he comes to terms with it there is nobody better to come through it. Carl is as strong as anyone I know. A team meeting was called after training and everyone was just in shock. There were tears."

Harry Burgoyne, Wednesfield keeper Dan Griffiths and Phil Parkes

Parkes, who played for Wolves more than 300 times, said:

"The football world all stick together when times are tough."

The club said it had been looking to sell naming rights to the stand to raise cash but decided support for the 31-year-old keeper was far more important.

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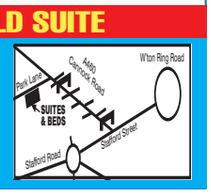

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When hospital parking was just mayhem

IT'S alright people complaining about hospital parking charges and security but let me tell them how it used to be before. People abused the free parking with no thought whatsoever for their fellow human beings.

At the Royal Hospital when parking was free people would park to do their weekly shopping. They would park on the double yellow lines with no thought for the people they blocked in. It was complete mayhem, residents would use the parking areas for their own car park. Now let me tell you about New Cross Hospital pre-parking charges. I would never leave my car more than half an hour without going to check my car was safe. There were cars everywhere, on bends, on islands, zebra crossings, double yellow lines, pavements.

So if you complain about parking remember what it was like in the good old days.

MR D KEY
Wolverhampton

Memories of the Gaumont

THE old photograph of Agricultural Hall, stating it was where Wilko is today, made me wonder how many remember the Gaumont Cinema which replaced it and the organ which was played before the showing of the first film.

Also the many concerts on Sundays during World War Two, one with Henry Hall and the BBC Dance Orchestra, when the motor raising the curtain failed to work, so that after his regular opening number was finished, he had to start the programme while the curtain was raised by hand.

And also the never-to-be forgotten or repeated when the RAF Symphony Orchestra appeared with the three Reginald organists, King, Porter Brown and Dixon, all Sergeants.

They certainly helped to boost our morale.

MR G ENSOR
Wolverhampton

Fly-tipping – why it is on the rise

I WOULD like to reply to the report of fly-tipping in Blakenhall.

Fly-tipping is not a problem in this area alone; Parkfields, Rough Hills, All Saints, have had this problem for some considerable time hence the fly-tipper signs on lampposts, etc. I've written and complained many times and have had some published in your 'Editor's letters'.

Pat McFadden has taken action in the past and got areas cleared, as this rubbish is mainly household, i.e. beds, cupboards, fridges, chairs, etc.

It comes from houses in this area, who do not know it's illegal or do not know where to take it.

We've always had fly-tipping but it has increased in the last few years.

In parts of Europe this is commonplace to just dump rubbish in the streets, it is not controlled by the environmental laws that we have. So people who do not know that may take this dumping as normal everyday action.

MR D GRIFFTHS
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Time the BBC was sold off

WELL now we know how much the top earners at the BBC get. It is about time this arrogant institution was broken up and sold off. With the unfair outdated method of funding itself devised in the 1930s and the biased news coverage, it is time to scrap the licence fee altogether. You don't need a licence for other electronic equipment like a laptop or mobile phone. Why a TV set?

There are countless TV channels out there and people have a choice whether to subscribe or not. This should also apply to the BBC, and one should have the right to unsubscribe if they so wish without fear of prosecution. With these salaries I begrudge having to subscribe to the 'viewing club'.

MR T BELL
Pendeford

Dog walkers not all bad

IT would seem that dog walkers are now to be fined for walking their dogs off the lead close to schools and academies.

Yet again the reasonable freedoms of the majority of responsible dog walkers are to be curtailed because of a few who have no idea of good citizenship.

I walk my two dogs past St Edmund's Catholic Academy in Compton every day and like the vast majority of dog walkers, don't allow them to foul the area or to be a nuisance to others or a danger to themselves. Incidentally I also regularly pick up litter that has been dropped by the pupils.

We have a silent majority of good citizens whose freedom are being gradually eroded.

CATHY CHEADLE
Wolverhampton

Rubbish dumped and it's us left to pay for clearing it up

THERE seems to be a discrepancy in the way this council runs the council tax finances.

First we have the travellers who yet again leave the council tax payer to fork out thousands of pounds for their actions, etc, court costs, eviction costs for the police, costs of clearing up their rubbish.

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Strikes: Not for all of us

ALLEGEDLY, Len McCluskey and other union bosses are planning a summer of strikes – the aim to bring down the government.

Train drivers, nurses, teachers and others are supposedly behind this idea. But other unions' members still have to get to work; attend hospitals with injuries and/or take time off work to look after their children who should be at school.

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Revenge drive-by killers are all sentenced to life

THREE men are starting life behind bars for the brutal killing of Carl Campbell, shot dead at traffic lights in revenge for an alleged robbery of a fake watch.

Mohammed Humza, Vikesh Chauhan and Jaspal Rai were given minimum terms of up to 30 years for the killing of Mr Campbell, from Wolverhampton, in the drive-by attack.

Judge Mr Justice Haddon-Cave said the killing was a planned attack in revenge for the alleged robbery of a watch. And the judge said he was satisfied they intended to kill Mr Campbell.

Roles

The three killers, who are from West Bromwich but of no fixed abode, remained expressionless as their sentences were handed down at Birmingham Crown Court.

Police say one witness described them as 'laughing, smiling and appearing quite happy with themselves' after the killing.

Gunman Humza, 20, had admitted murder part way through the trial, while accomplices Chauhan, 24, and Rai, 25, were found guilty of murder and possession of an offensive weapon. Chauhan and Rai will serve a minimum term of 30 years and Humza 28 and a half years, lower due to his guilty plea.

The trial heard how the three men decided to attack Mr Campbell, 33, from Low Hill, in revenge for an alleged robbery of a watch, which turned out to be fake.

Humza had never met Mr Campbell before launching his deadly attack, the court heard.

(Top left) Victim Carl Campbell, and the car he was shot in.
Bottom row: Killers Chauhan, Humza and Rai

Chauhan pulled up in an Audi 4x4 next to a Ford Fiesta stopped at traffic lights outside The Strollers pub in Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich, at 2.30pm on December 27 last year. Humza mercilessly fired five shots at it from the back seat, one striking front-seat passenger Mr Campbell in the face.

Mr Justice Haddon-Cave said: "Each had their respective, vital roles. Mohammed Humza as the shooter, Vikesh Chauhan as the driver and Jaspal Rai as the lookout.

"Five bullets were fired from a powerful handgun, a .44 magnum, and it was fired at close range, as little as 10-12 feet away.

"This shooting can only have intended to kill one or more people who were sitting in the Fiesta.

"It was fortunate the driver was not killed."

In a statement read to the court, Mr Campbell's partner and mother of their two-year-old child Chantelle Dudley said her 'heart aches constantly' following his death.

His father Julian Campbell said his 'world has fallen apart'.

Legion of interest in map of Roman roads

THEY built 2,000 miles of famously straight roads across the UK – including highways through Staffordshire and the West Midlands that are still used today.

Now a London Underground-style map of Roman roads has been drawn up by a student studying statistics at the University of Chicago.

The colourful network simplifies the road system of 43 – 410 AD Britain for modern history fans.

The map looks very different to a 21st century A-Z or road atlas, with no sign of how important Birmingham or the Black Country conurbation of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, and Walsall would become – and no trace of an M6, M54, A449, A454 or an A41.

The only local towns shown on student Sasha Trubetskoy's subway map are Penkridge, given its Latin name of Pennocrucium, and Wall, then called Letocetum, both important stopping-off places on the Romans' long journeys around the country.

Important

Pennocrucium was around three miles south-west of the modern town of Penkridge. Wall was near the junction of Watling Street and Icknield Street, also shown on the map, now known as the A38. Both were important military staging posts for the Romans, providing accommodation, baths and a change of horses.

One of their most important routes was Watling Street, the Roman military road to North Wales, which ran from east to west, beneath the modern A5 trunk road, running through Brownhills and Cannock. The Via Devana was another road built for military use rather than to serve the local population, which was very sparse in these parts during Roman times.

It ran from Colchester in the south-east through Wall and Penkridge to Chester, which lays claim to being the oldest Roman city in Britain. The road later fell into disuse.

All the roads were designed to allow troops to move quickly, and also provided vital routes for business, trade and the transportation of goods.

While the roads were very advanced for their time, transport itself was not so sophisticated, and a journey from London to York, which today would take four hours by car, would have taken five days to complete in a carriage. Roman roads were typically 16 to 23ft – f ive to seven metres – wide.

Their preservation in the UK varies, with some still protruding from the land and easily visible while others are hidden under earth and have only been found thanks to light detection scanning.

Within the map, the dots and circles show the cities, towns and settlements, while the different coloured lines denote the roads, with a key explaining these on the right.

It includes the Latin names for towns and cities across the UK, such as Londinium, London, Mamucium. Manchester, and Pons Aelius, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Mr Trubetosky, who spent days making the map, said: "I pretty much included every known Roman settlement in Britain, as well as some locations that were only a fort/camp, or tribal settlement under Roman control.

The Roman site at Wall, near Letocetum

Watling Street runs through Brownhills

Sasha Trubetskoy's underground-style map of the country's Roman roads

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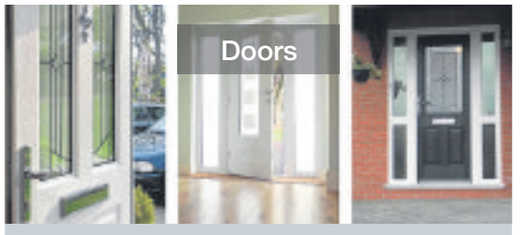

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Tommy with mum Debra, dad Stuart and sister Mia

Oh boy! Shock as Tommy is born in car park at hospital

By Alex Ross

HE only turned his back for a few minutes to get a wheelchair for his pregnant wife after parking up at a hospital car park.

But when he returned, Stuart Rutherford, found he had become a father for the second time, seeing his wife Debra with their son Tommy in her arms.

Mrs Rutherford gave birth standing behind the door of their vehicle at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton in the early hours of July 16. The 37-year-old said: "When we turned up, Stuart was asking me if I could walk in, but I said no and that I needed a wheelchair, so he left.

"On his way back he shouted 'someone is coming in a minute with a chair'. I turned around and had Tommy in my arms. He was completely shocked, and so was I."

The couple are now back at home in Four Ashes with Tommy, who was able to come out of New Cross with his mother 12 hours after the birth. The baby boy was two days early and weighed 7lb 10oz.

Mrs Rutherford, a marketing manager, said: "We left the home that night thinking it was quite early, I didn't expect to be giving birth before I even reached the hospital."

The couple have a daughter Mia, aged five.

Fuchsia groups aim for crop of awards

SOME of the country's top fuchsia growers will be competing at the annual show of the Black Country Fuchsia Society in Wednesfield on Saturday.

The show is at The Hub in Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton, WV11 2LH, and members of the public are welcome to see the displays. Doors open at 12.30pm and the show runs until 4pm.

The society has been in operation for more than 30 years and its members regularly achieve silver gilt and gold awards for their displays at the Malvern spring and autumn shows.

Advice is freely available for any problems you may have, from growing hints on how to successfully grow your fuchsia in any shape or form, to how to get started growing fuchsias for the first time.

There will also be fuchsias for sale and a raffle.

School now making good progress, says Ofsted

By Doug Wootton

A SCHOOL in Wolverhampton is making good progress to improve standards since its last inspection, Ofsted inspectors have said.

Smestow School in Castlecroft is on target for a "good" rating at its next inspection as long as current progress is maintained.

The school was given a "requires improvement" rating at its last inspection in October, but following a monitoring inspection, headteacher Martyn Morgan said the signs were very positive. He added: "We are delighted that our progress since the last Ofsted inspection has been recognised and that the inspector felt that staff and governors are clear about what needs to be done and are intervening quickly to address issues.

Martyn Morgan

"The inspector also recognised that good work had been done to ensure all students were making progress from their starting points.

"He spent time in lessons scrutinising student work and spoke with students. We are delighted the inspector reports that students feel behaviour has improved and that literacy and numeracy skills are improving across all year groups."

In the report, the inspector said: "The work in pupils' books and the information about pupils' progress shows that pupils' literacy and numeracy skills are improving across all year groups.

Understanding

"The vast majority of pupils are developing their reading skills successfully and have a better understanding of what they have read. Pupils who spoke to me said that pupils' behaviour has improved significantly since the previous inspection.

"Pupils told me that teachers apply the school's behaviour policy and manage pupils' behaviour much more consistently.

"One pupil reflected the views of many when she said, 'I can now focus on my learning because teachers are much better at making sure pupils behave'."

Mr Morgan added: "Whilst it is very pleasing to receive such a positive summary of the school's progress, we also recognise that there are areas that require additional effort if we are to do our best by all of our students."

The inspector's report said work needed to continue towards embedding high quality literacy, numeracy and presentation across the school, but that senior leaders, governors and the trust are taking effective action.

Tribute to Maureen, a first aider of 35 years

TRIBUTES have been paid to a St John Ambulance volunteer who provided first aid at Wolves matches for 35 years.

Maureen Watkin, who died, aged 74, last month, joined the first aid charity as a cadet in 1953 and volunteered for almost 64 years.

She was an integral part of the team providing first aid at Molineux, rarely missing a a home game. During her long service, she was awarded with honours by the Order of St John and presented with an MBE by Her Majesty the Queen, as well as being named Volunteer of the Year for Wolverhampton in 2006.

St John Ambulance's district manager, Greg Mckeown, said: "Maureen will be hugely missed by everyone in the St John Ambulance family."

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Rebecca Hair, Nick Price, David Loughton and Llywela Watt

Hospital puts worker back on track to cycle for GB squad

By Jordan Harris

A NEW CROSS hospital worker recovered from a serious cycling accident well enough to represent Great Britain in the sport – thanks to physiotherapy.

Nicholas Price suffered a serious cycling accident in October 2016 resulting in multiple fractures that led to an operation on his shoulder.

After the operation he referred himself for physiotherapy as part of the staff self-referral scheme, which helped him to recover quicker and get back on track. Nicholas said: "The physiotherapy I received without a doubt helped me get back to work sooner than I thought and also back to competing again and I managed to successfully represent Great Britain at the European Duathlon Championships in April 2017. This would not have been possible without the support from the physio."

Hospital bosses have praised Mr Price for using the self-referral service, which has helped more than 2,300 members of staff since its introduction.

Dr Rosalind Leslie, Group Manager of Therapy Services at New Cross Hospital said: "Since the service began in October 2015, we have been able to treat 2,378 members of staff who would have otherwise waited for a GP referral before receiving treatment. "

Summer sales bring cheer to Marston's

PUB and brewery group Marston's says it continues to outperform the market after delivering sales growth across the entire business.

The group, which has its headquarters in Wolverhampton, saw drinkers flock to pubs in the warm weather in June, helping drive growth in the year-to-date.

Like-for-like sales in its destination and premium division, which include dining-led pubs and premium chains like Pitcher & Piano, are up 1.3 per cent in the 42 weeks to July 22, having slowed to 0.6 per cent in the most recent 12 weeks.

That performance was also reflected in its other divisions, with its drinks-led taverns division 1.9 per cent ahead, with the performance improving to growth of 2.4 per cent in the most recent period because of the warm weather in June.

Heroic son up for award after saving father's life

By Jessica Labhart

A 14-YEAR-old boy has been nominated for a top award after saving his father's life.

Caine Wildman had completed a first aid course just days before springing into action to save dad Craig in February.

Now the teenager has been nominated for the St John Ambulance Everyday Heroes Awards. TV presenter Katie Piper will host the awards on September 28 at Hilton London Bankside. Caine returned from school to his home in Moxley in February to find his father lying on the sofa. He thought he was just playing with his younger siblings, Vinny, 12, Indy, seven and Jensen, five.

Craig with Caine

However, when he came downstairs after getting changed and called his name, he realised his dad was unresponsive and was turning blue.

Recovery

Caine immediately took action, putting his recent first aid course to good use by putting his dad in the recovery position and calling an ambulance.

The operator then guided Caine through the CPR technique, which he remembered from his training. His dad had gone into respiratory failure but saved his life.

It was reported that Caine said: "One day in February I came home from school and saw dad lying on the sofa with the kids running around him. I thought he was just messing around – my brother and sisters play rough-and-tumble games all the time.

"I went upstairs to get changed but when I came down dad was still lying there. He'd gone blue and hadn't moved.

"I said his name a couple of times but when he didn't answer I used all my strength to pull him up and on to the floor. There,I put him in the recovery position. I had done a first aid course about two weeks before.

"I then called an ambulance, rolled dad on to his back and started CPR. The emergency operator was telling me what to do but I also remembered it from training. When the paramedics arrived, I took my brother and sister out of the room and calmed them down as they were screaming and crying.

"The consultants said dad had gone into respiratory failure. He'd been ill with pneumonia but didn't realise he had it. They said I'd saved his life."

A statement on the St John Ambulance awards website said: "Each year, too many people die in situations where first aid could have given them a chance to live."

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Dave Allen with a photo of his father Harry, who led a rescue at the Dunkirk evacuation

Sgt Maj Allen on an anniversary victory parade in 1956

Fionn Whitehead in the film Dunkirk, directed by Christopher Nolan

Sgt Maj Harry Allen of South Staffordshire Regiment

The real-life heroes of Dunkirk evacuation

MEMORY LANE

By Alex Ross

IT was the greatest retreat in military history – an heroic operation by army servicemen and ordinary fisherman.

The dramatic story of how nearly 340,000 men were evacuated in 10 days from the beaches in France has now come to the silver screen. Dunkirk catalogues the moments that saved the war against the Nazis.

The retreat, the largest ever military evacuation, gave the Allies a chance to regroup and eventually turn the tide of the Second World War. It gave birth to the Dunkirk spirit. The bravery of the thousands of troops involved has been remembered ever since.

Among the 338,000 British and French soldiers rescued in navy ships and fishing vessels were some notable Black Country figures, including James Beattie Jr, grandson of James Beattie, who founded the famous Wolverhampton department store in 1877.

He was commander of a company of the South Staffordshire Regiment at Dunkirk before serving in South East Asia, when he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He became Wolverhampton mayor in 1951, and also served as a magistrate and chairman of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace and on Commissioners of Income Tax.

His son-in-law, Michael Redshaw, aged 73, said his failure to ask more about the Lt Col Beattie's wartime service was one of his life regrets. Lt Col Beattie died aged 73 in 1988.

Also among the same regiment evacuated from the beach was Sergeant Major Harry Allen, born and raised in Wolverhampton. His son Dave Allen says Sgt Maj Allen was in an artillery unit alongside Lt Col Beattie, which was among the last to depart land for Britain. But the group was attacked by a German Stuka plane.

Mr Allen, 72, a music producer who lives in Perton, said: "They were the rear guard, defending the evacuation until a Stuka came down low and attacked them.

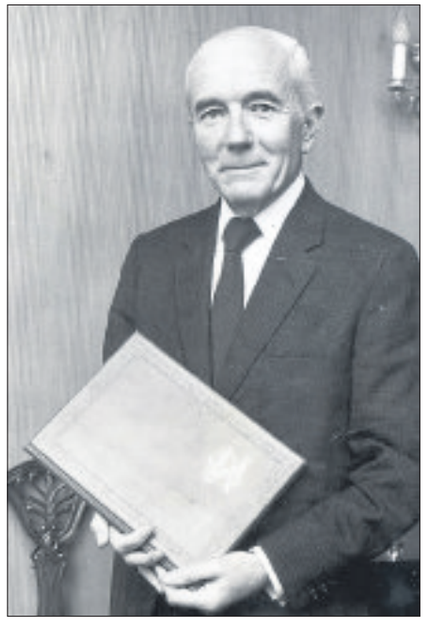
"My dad got shrapnel in his leg. I think James Beattie was also injured but my father helped him on to a vessel. Moments later it was bombed and they were all back in the water, where I think they got picked up again."

Like James Beattie, Sgt Maj Allen also went next to South East Asia, fighting the Japanese in Burma.

After the war, he carried out training for the army and in 1956 took part in an anniversary victory parade in Wolverhampton city centre.

He died in 1973, aged 59, after suffering a stroke while living in Church Road, Bradmore, leaving behind his wife Nancy, who later died in her 80s. They had four children, David, Margaret, Dorothy and Richard.

Ordered by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the Dunkirk evacuation, Operation Dynamo, took place over 10 days from May 27 to June 3, 1940. It was expected to last 48 hours and rescue only a few thousand troops.



James Beattie Junior pictured in 1988

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Bitter blow as campus costs rise by £500,000

Bully off for cancer suite

Staff look on as Steve Bull cuts the ribbon to open cancer suite

WOLVES legend Steve Bull has officially opened a £45,000 cancer treatment suite at Nuffield Health Wolverhampton Hospital.

Patients, doctors, nurses, diagnostic staff, GPs, contractors and hospital staff attended the opening. Specialist oncology lead nurse Sandra Turner said: "I am extremely proud of what we are able to offer our patients. Recently, we have increased our oncology service with several new consultants and our new designated suite has fantastic facilities.

"It will provide a pleasant and private area for patients, away from the general hospital environment. Being separate from the main area, will also give patients the opportunity to meet and chat to each other in private if they wish to."

The suite in the private hospital is on the second floor.

A CONSTRUCTION super campus on the site of the old Springfield Brewery will cost £500,000 more due to structural problems.

Work has already begun on building the Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills which will provide teaching courses and training facilities for apprenticeships through to degree level.

It is due to open in September. But the developer, Aspect Construction, has found unforeseen problems, despite thorough surveys. The 12-acre site is owned by the University of Wolverhampton, which has applied to the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for more funding.

Bosses said additional costs had been incurred which could not be accommodated within the existing budget.

Removal

Problems involving the internal structure of the old brewery stables and workshop, which are more than 140 years old, had only come to light since work started in February. The biggest concern is the poor state of the roof and supporting structures and uneven flooring, only exposed following the removal of the internal walls. The extra cost has been estimated at £506,400.

The Black Country LEP is already supporting the £12.9 million Elite Centre, which will also see training provided in Tipton, Dudley and West Bromwich. It is part of a wider hub focused on the building industry at the brewery site, which will also be home to the university's School of Architecture and Built Environment and the West Midlands Construction University Technical College, which opened in November.

The LEP board members approved the additional cashbut required any money not spent to be returned to the partnership.

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Drive for new laws on pavement parking

COUNCIL chiefs in Wolverhampton have urged the Government to bring in new laws to tackle pavement parking.

Pavement parking is already illegal in London, except where the highway authority specifically allows it.

Now Councillor Steve Evans has said it is time pedestrians elsewhere had the same protection.

City bosses said it has created a 'particular problem around schools and industrial areas' in Wolverhampton, as well as some residential streets.

The council currently only has the powers to punish pavement parking if it is next to yellow lines on the carriageway.

Councillor Evans, cabinet member for city environment, said: "Inconsiderate parking on pavements is a significant problem in Wolverhampton and I am regularly contacted by residents about the difficulties it can create for pedestrians, particularly those with a visual impairment, wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs.

"I would like to echo the Local Government Association's call for the Government to act, which is supported by several charities, such as Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Living Streets.

Olympic gymnast Kristian ties knot

Cake cutting – the wedding photo shared on Twitter

OLYMPIC superstar Kristian Thomas has tied the knot with his long-time partner Gemma Reid.

The Wolverhampton-born gymnast, who famously won a team bronze at the 2012 London Olympics, took to social media to celebrate the couple's happy day, with fans sending congratulatory messages in response.

The 28-year-old posted a photograph of himself and Gemma, who have been together since they were at school, cutting their wedding cake on Twitter, before sharing another photograph of the two as they looked forward to their honeymoon.

Kristian, who is originally from Wednesfield- now lives near Cannock and trains at the Earls Gym in Halesowen.

Police to use spit hoods on suspects

WEST Midlands Police will introduce controversial spit hoods for 4,500 officers from October. The force said its staff were spat at 231 times last year and the lightweight mesh hoods will be used to protect officers and prevent the spread of disease.

The equipment will be issued to officers after they have completed training, and will only be used on suspects who have spat or threatened to spit. West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said he expected spit hoods to be used on few occasions.

Disease

"We want to protect our officers during their duty to keep us safe against those people they come in contact with who are spitting at them," he added. "This spitting can cause disease for the officer, things like HIV or hepatitis. We want to reduce the number of instances of this happening." The hoods will cost WMP £11,000 to introduce and are already being used by 22 forces in England and Wales.

They have been brought in with the backing of the West Midlands Police Federation but have been criticised by campaign group Liberty, who branded them primitive, cruel and degrading.

Ditch plans to move the town library, MP urges council

A City MP has urged Wolverhampton Council to secure the future of Bilston Craft Gallery.

He wants plans to move the town's library from the site to be ditched.

The cash-strapped authority is mulling over plans to uproot Bilston Library from its home of 145 years as part of its cost cutting measures to transform libraries in the city. But Wolverhampton South East's Labour MP Mr McFadden says 'no convincing case' has been made for the plans, which would see the library moved to Bilston Town Hall.

"Bilston Library has been housed in the Craft Gallery on Mount Pleasant for many years," he said. No-one has ever raised its location as a problem with me.

"I know the council is under huge financial pressure, but I don't believe there is local support for moving it or that a convincing case has been made. I think the priority should be a plan to get more use for the whole Bilston Craft Galley site."

Bilston Craft Gallery also has exhibition space and children's activity centre. The council has delayed a decision pending a feasibility study.

Speed restriction as work is carried out

DRIVERS are being forced to slow down along a main route in and out of Wolverhampton.

The move is required as road improvement works are carried out.

Officials from Wolverhampton Council have brought in an order "requiring vehicles to travel at a reduced speed" on Stafford Road in both directions between the Vine Island and the M54 junction two.

The order will run for 18 months.

According to a statement issued by the council: "The order is required to facilitate highway construction improvement works on behalf of the City of Wolverhampton Council."

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Praise for Arjun Toora

Arjun finds the keys to success

AN eight-year-old piano playing prodigy has been praised by his headteacher after passing his grade five exam with distinction.

Arjun Toora, from Bilston, has been playing the piano since he was four and is hoping to achieve his grade eight before he leaves primary school.

Lisa Westwood, from Villiers Primary School in Bilston, said: "It really takes something to achieve what he has.

Support

"He's reached his grade much faster than most other pupils at his age. When he first started I remember he was too small to reach the piano.

"But he's very determined and that goes a long way with natural talent. He's very academic and does well across all subjects and he's got this far with the support of his family – it's a special achievement."

The youngster who has private tuition at home, has passed his grade five theory with a high merit, and recently passed his grade five piano practical with a distinction.

Upset as cranes work on retirement apartments

IT'S not a sight you expect to see in a leafy suburb but cranes have again descended on Tettenhall as work continues on controversial retirement apartments.

They are being built along Stockwell Road in Tettenhall and council chiefs initially threw out the plans submitted by developers McCarthy and Stone.

At work on apartments

They then got plans approved by the National Planning Inspectorate.

Councillor Jonathan Yardley, Conservative councillor for Tettenhall Regis ward said: "We are losing our leafy green area and just becoming rows of apartment blocks. This was our best conservation area with a neighbourhood plan in place that took us years to put together. They have upset the whole character of the area."

The developers are building 22 apartments on the land following the demolition of the historic'Clock House' that once stood on the site. The house was once owned by Edward Swindley who donated Tettenhall's landmark clock tower on Upper Green in 1911.

A scale model of the Tettenhall clock stood in Mr Swindley's garden and has been preserved by developers

A total of 230 residents wrote to the council to object to the proposals. A petition with more than 160 signatures was also submitted.

Objections included a increase in traffic on Stockwell Road and connecting roads; loss of trees and natural habitats; insufficient parking provision and a view that more retirement homes were not needed in the village.

Staff members Jeff Ball, Dave Taylor and Sam Stanley ahead of the golf day

Teeing off with aid for charity

MORE than 80 golfers took to the fairways to ensure a building society raised more than £5,500 for a health and wellbeing charity.

The West Brom – the largest building society in the Black Country and Birmingham – staged its annual sporting fundraiser at The Staffordshire Golf Club, near Wombourne, in aid of its nominated charity, the Kaleidoscope Plus Group.

Business partners, suppliers and staff joined forces to form 20 teams who did battle in a stableford competition, which was won by insurance broker AJ Gallagher. There were nearest the pin and longest drive challenges.

A raffle was also held to raise additional funds.

Artist now upset over 'brush off'

AN artist who was working to create a subway of multi-coloured lights has spoken of how he feels snubbed by the council's latest lighting plan.

Sukhjeven Chumber, aged 40 of Bilston, was working with Wolverhampton Council on a project to bring multi-coloured lights to subways in the city.

However, he was not contacted from April this year and was shocked to discover the council's plan to spend £520,000 on new lighting in the city centre when his project was allegedly totally self-funded.

He said: "I have spent the last 15 to 18 months speaking to the council to try and get this project off the ground."

A Wolverhampton Council spokesman said: "Things never progressed beyond the initial concept stage."

Choir call for new members

SINGERS are sought to join a choir. Wombourne & District Choral Society is a mixed choir of around 80 members and has a varied repertoire of full classic works often performed with an orchestra.

Rehearsals are on Mondays from 7.30-9.30pm during term time at Kings C of E School, Regis Road, Tettenhall. Details on cags-dixon@gmail.com

Restored gas lamp now stationed back home

A STATION gas lamp that graced Tettenhall Railway Station back in 1925 has been restored and returned.

It had been spotted languishing on the back of a scrap van.

The brass 15-inch squat hanging lamp has been donated to Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre after it was restored by a budding historian.

It once took pride of place under the canopy along one of the platforms at Tettenhall Railway Station on its open day in 1925, and has now been returned to the heritage centre.

Paul Winterton, aged 48, a cleaner from Chapel Ash, spotted the lamp and began his journey to restore it around 10 years ago. He was experiencing health problems at the time so was looking for a new project to take his mind of it. He bought the lamp for just £25.

The restored station gas lamp now at Tettenhall heritage centre

The lamp can be seen in this picture of the railway station

Research

Paul said: " When I spotted this I couldn't resist. It's only 15in so was quite small really. It sat in a box for quite a while as I had to do a lot of research to find out more about it."

Paul contacted the Great Western Railway, the Wolverhampton Archives as well as Sugg Lighting Ltd who were able to tell him more about the lamp.

Paul said: "I contacted Chris Sugg, the grandson of the founder of Sugg lighting who was able to tell me the way it works and the Great Western Railway told me it was one of their squat lights.

"I realised it was a local lamp with the Tettenhall connection as it has the word 'Tettenhall' on its rim. I used to go to St Michael's Primary so I know the area and I thought maybe it was part of the line from Wombourne to Dunstall."

The archives told Paul about Tettenhall Station and sent him a black and white photo of the lamp on the open day back in 1925.

Paul said: "I couldn't believe it when I saw it. That spurred me on to restore it. "

Paul visited the Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre and immediately knew where his restored lamp should go. Paul said: "When I saw the old beams I thought, the lamp would look spectacular on there."

The Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre based on Henwood Road, Wolverhampton, welcomed the lamp back.

Its curator, Alec Brew, said: "We thought it may get a stone through its glass and we couldn't bear it, so we're looking to get it installed inside.""

Howzat! University's cricket pledge

THE University of Wolverhampton has pledged to sponsor Staffordshire Cricket until the end of the 2019 season.

The sponsorship agreement will see the two organisations collaborate to provide development opportunities for university students as well as use of its facilities.

The University of Wolverhampton logo will appear on the club's fronts.

Professor Geoff Layer, vice-chancellor at the University of Wolverhampton, said: "We're looking forward to working with Staffordshire Cricket to grow the game.

"Eighty per cent of our student population live within a 25-mile radius of our City Campus and we've identified a range of opportunities for our degree students to gain valuable experience supporting a local governing body of sport and particularly cricket.

"Staffordshire Cricket, whilst having a county-wide focus, has identified Wolverhampton as a strategic priority to grow participation in the game and we're delighted to be supporting them."

Staffordshire Cricket's development director, Jason Britton, said: "The partnership with the University comes at a great time for us. We're already in discussions with City of Wolverhampton Council about planned capital investment into increasing the informal play opportunities in the city."

Almost four motorists a day are arrested for drink driving

NEARLY four people a day are caught drink driving in Staffordshire. A total of 3,516 people were arrested for driving under the influence in the county between January 2015 and June this year – an average of just under four a day.

Staffordshire Police made 719 drink drive arrests between June and January this year, 1,403 in 2016 and 1,394 the year before. Of those caught over the past two-and-a-half years, one was as young as 15 and the oldest was 85.

There were 1,029 drunk drivers arrested and taken to Watling Street police station at Gailey in South Staffordshire.

There were 1,694 at the Northern Area Custody Facility in Stoke-on-Trent and 680 to Burton Station. Some were also taken to Stafford, Cannock and Tamworth Station.

Jason Wakeford, from road safety charity Brake, has called for a 'zero-tolerance limit' to be introduced.

Tough

He said: "Drink driving is illegal for a reason – because it leads to deaths and serious injuries, and causes appalling suffering.

"If we are to stamp out drink-driving, we need to get tough with those who break the law, and introduce a zero-tolerance limit, making it clear that any amount of alcohol can be lethal behind the wheel."

Last month saw 107 people driving over the limited arrested – a slight decrease on the month before where 123 were stopped. It comes after various campaigns ran by the force to target irresponsible and dangerous drivers – including one in December 2016 which bid to reduce fatal and serious road traffic collisions and protect other road users.

Concern as exercising drops off

CONSERVATIVES in Wolverhampton are worried about new figures which show a decline in walking and cycling.

New figures from charity Living Streets show the average length walked by a person in England is down by one fifth compared with 2003. The figures also revealed the number of trips made by bicycle has also been in steady decline.

Councillor Udey Singh, the city's Conservative spokesman for children, young people and families, said efforts to increase walking and cycling had been very focussed, but that a sustained approach was needed.

He added: "There have been many initiatives to increase physical activity in our schools in order to tackle long-term problems associated with obesity."

Author's story brought to life on TV

In a scene from the film – Sacha Dhawan and Himmut Singh Dhatt

THIS is the first image from the set of upcoming BBC drama based on the life of local boy made good Sathnam Sanghera.

The Boy With The Topknot is based on the best-selling memoir of the award-winning journalist and author who grew up in Heath Town and went on to write for The Times. Filming of the 90-minute programme has been taking place across Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Sherlock and Last Tango in Halifax actor Sacha Dhawan plays the adult Sathnam in the TV drama while Himmut Singh Dhatt, of Oldbury, takes on the role of the writer in his youth.

Born in Wolverhampton to Punjabi parents, the book is an account of his childhood in the 1980s where he was later forced to face up to painful family secrets, not least that his father and sister had suffered from schizophrenia. He also defied expectations of an arranged marriage.

Sathnam said: "It is a strange experience to have your book turned into a TV show."

Sathnam Sanghera

Thousands of over-90s still on road

MORE than 3,000 people aged 90 or over still hold driving licences in the West Midlands, new figures from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency show.

There are 2,750 men and 979 women in their 90s who hold licences, a study has found. It comes as national data showed 248 people aged over 100 still hold valid licences, compared with 100,281 over-90s.

The West Midlands has the third highest number of over 90s with licences – behind Hampshire and Greater London.

Medical

Once motorists reach 70 they have to renew their licence every three years and answer written questions about medical conditions and eyesight.

As senior citizens are more likely to have health problems and slower reaction times, there has been debate on the issue of the safety of older drivers.

However, a study from Swansea University last year claimed more mature road users are no more dangerous than other drivers.

Professor Charles Musselwhite said while reaction times decreased as people got older, this was compensated by older drivers taking more care on the road.

Family is sought to arrange funeral

RELATIVES and friends of Michal Uzoras, who died at home in the Park Village area, aged 60, are being sought so that his funeral can be arranged.

Anyone who knew Mr Uzoras, or can help trace relatives or friends, is asked to contact 01902 555740 or at elaine.thursfield@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

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Urban Village developer picked

THE preferred developer has been named for a multi-million pound housing development in Bilston.

Wolverhampton Council has revealed that award-winning home builder and regeneration specialist Countryside Properties is to be the developer in the Bilston Urban Village project.

The developer is currently undertaking site investigations on the brownfield land south of Bilston town centre and the Black Country Route. Further discussions will then take place before an official agreement is signed by both parties for the development of up to 450 homes across 27 acres.

Search is now on to find the families of war heroes

THEY patrolled the streets across the city while on the beat before bravely sacrificing their lives for their country more than 100 years ago.

Now six war heroes, who died in the Great War, are set to be remembered when serving and former police officers unite to honour their lives. Members of the Wolverhampton Police Military History Group will travel across Europe to the battlefields which claimed the lives of the former city officers. It comes as Detective Sergeant Andy Padmore launches an appeal to find relatives of the fallen officers ahead of the pilgrimage next month.

DS Padmore, who is planning to make the trip to France and Belgium, said: "These were true heroes who were committed to protecting the public as police officers and then during war."

A group of serving and former police officers will lay tributes at gravestones and memorials in the soldiers' honour during the trip in September. But the group is hoping to trace family members of those killed on the frontline during the First World War before members head out on their trip.

DS Padmore said he is keen to track down relatives and meet with them before the pilgrimage, helping the group discover more about the war heroes.

DS Andy Padmore at a memorial at Wolverhampton police station

Autistic boy's school plea

School plea – Jacob Graves with his mother, Joanne

THOUSANDS of people have pledged their support for an autistic boy who has been denied a place at his preferred special school.

Jacob Graves, aged eight, is a pupil at a mainstream school in Perton where he lives. But he has found it difficult to cope with the noise of the classroom and to be around other children for prolonged periods.

His mother, Joanne Suman, 36, has tried to find Jacob a place at a special school better equipped to meet his special needs.

She was pleased to learn Tettenhall Wood School, just one-and-a-half miles from their home, was Wolverhampton's designated special school for children with autism. But she has since been told by Wolverhampton Council there are no places available.

Miss Suman said other special schools in Staffordshire, the local authority under which the family fall, would involve a long journey that would cause Jacob severe anxiety.

To secure a place for him at Tettenhall Wood, Miss Suman launched an online petition and also placed paper copies in shops and businesses across Perton and Codsall, which has been signed by more than 2,000, with more than 1,200 of those pledging their support online.

She said: "Jacob has a lot of sensory issues and can't cope with the noise of the classroom.

"I feel it is important and the government needs to look at special education schools and obviously invest in creating more schools for these children."

Alex Jones, Wolverhampton council's service director for school standards, said: "Unfortunately, Tettenhall Wood School is currently full and oversubscribed."

Jordanne aced it – while pregnant

HALESOWEN wheelchair tennis star Jordanne Whiley has confirmed she won her fourth successive Wimbledon women's wheelchair doubles title whilst pregnant.

Whiley and Japan's Yui Kamiji recovered from a slow start to win the title, and the 25-year-old has since tweeted to announce her pregnancy with partner and coach Marc McCarroll.

Speaking with TheMixedZone, Whiley opened up about playing whilst pregnant, something Serena Williams also did in January when she won the Australian Open.

"I thought, 'If we start trying in May I could still play Wimbledon, and it worked." she said. "But I had no idea how incredibly sick I'd be. For three days I couldn't leave the house.

"At the French Open, I was really, really ill. So sick I thought it was a stomach bug. Even the doctors thought it was a stomach bug."

Pupils 'help save planet'

PUPILS from a Wolverhampton school were runners-up in a national competition which challenged them to find solutions to saving the planet.

Pupils from Heath Park School in Prestwood Road, Heath Town, took part in a science, technology, engineering and maths competition to come up with solutions to various sustainability issues. City-based firms Brammer and Buck & Hickman provided mentoring to youngsters from several Midlands schools.

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Drug dealer caught when car stopped

A DRUG dealer drove into trouble when he failed to insure his car, a judge heard. A police patrol checked details of the Fiesta after spotting it being driven through Wolverhampton in the early hours, the city's crown court was told.

The officers thought Leonard Johns, aged 20, was trying to hide something after ordering him to stop on November 11. It turned out to be a small amount of cocaine for his own use but further examination of the car unearthed a mobile phone and £690.

Cannabis worth £12,000 together with a further £6,500 cash, two more mobile phones ans scales were found at his home, said Mr Paul Spratt, prosecuting.

Mr Sanjay Toora, defending, said: "This whole episode began as a result of his cocaine habit." This left Johns unable to settle debts run up with his drug dealer who ordered the defendant to sell cannabis for him in default of repayment, the court heard.

Johns, of Myatt Avenue, Parkfields, pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis with intent to supply, possession of cocaine and driving without insurance.

He was given one year's detention suspended for 18 months with a six-month night-time curfew and ordered to do 150 hours' unpaid work.

Just the ticket, chance to rock – at the double

TRIBUTE acts for two legendary rock bands will appear at the same venue on the same night.

ACDC UK, who pay homage to AC/DC, and Sack Sabbath, who play Black Sabbath hits, will play at the Slade Rooms, Broad Street, Wolverhampton on December 2.

Both bands have been rocking audiences for 15 years each.

Mental health services for children in the spotlight

MENTAL health services for children will go under the spotlight in a new initiative by Healthwatch Wolverhampton. The watchdog has identified the topic as one of its top priorities.

It will carry out a string of projects at sites throughout the city. Teenagers and parents of children affected by psychiatric disorders are also being asked to provide feedback that will help shape how services are delivered in future.

Elizabeth Learoyd, chief officer for Healthwatch Wolverhampton, said: "Mental health services often seem to operate under the radar, but it's vital to those who need help that they're as good as they can be.

"We've been asked to carry out work on the services available specifically for children and adolescents and a key part of that will be to gather feedback from patients and their families.

"We want people to tell us about any particular problems that exist or specify certain concerns and, that way, we get right to the heart of the matter and can work to put it right."

Ensure

Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) was revealed as one of five subjects for priority work at the annual meeting of Healthwatch Wolverhampton.

The watchdog will also look into A&E department at New Cross Hospital along with primary care, dentists and social care assessments.

Ms Learoyd added: "We're keen to ensure our work in the city is led by people who live here. Our priority areas for 2017/18 have been chosen after reviewing information and comments provided by residents. We have also been asked to focus on providing a voice for the young so we aim to establish a Youth Healthwatch."

Film fans in La La Land – despite rain

THE weather may have been a bit damp, but the love story of La La Land warmed the hearts of the crowd who turned out to watch it in an idyllic outdoor setting.

More than 250 people turned out to watch the film in Bantock Gardens. It was touch and go whether the event would go ahead as rain threatened to make the evening a washout, but visitors brought their umbrellas and took their seats in the Rose Garden.

The showing was the culmination of 12 months of work from the Finchfield and Castlecroft Community Association, management at the Gardens and Wolverhampton City Council.

Target

It was one of a number of outdoor cinema events held across the city this summer as the craze takes over the country.

Arts co-ordinator for Creative Black Country, who also worked to ensure the event went ahead, said: "It is the perfect film for a summer evening, fun for all the family and full of great sing-along moments."

"It has been a long process getting everything together but we hit our target in terms of sales, so it seems the idea really caught on. This was an event put together for the community and we hope that everyone who came along enjoyed themselves.

Prior to the screening, visitors enjoyed live music from vocal trio Miss Fortunes.

Anna Bamford, Gemma Phillips, Kristy Cotton and Jenny Mason brave the rain

Dreams hit by lack of home space

HOMEOWNERS in the West Midlands do not feel their homes are fit for purpose, according to a study.

The survey, by roof window manufacturers VELUX, looked at how homeowners are increasingly looking to start their own businesses or pursue hobbies at home.

The survey found that a quarter of adults in the West Midlands believe that a lack of a suitable space or room is holding them back. More than half said they would pursue a hobby at home if they had more space or an appropriate room.

Grant Sneddon, product manager from VELUX, said: "Our homes are increasingly regarded as an intrinsic part of our lives, a place where we can unwind and relax, but also where we can realise those dreams of starting our own business, or doing more of the things we love, such as baking, reading or fitness."

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Q&A

Choosing a care home is one of the biggest decisions you may have to make. Here, care manager Carolyn O'Brien gives us an insight into life at Richmond Court Care Home

Tell us about the facilities offered at Richmond Court Care Home.
Richmond Court provides homely comforts that focus on the needs of our service users, enabling them to have their say on the day-to-day running of their home. Lounge areas provide the opportunity to watch TV, listen to music, join in activities, socialise with others or have some privacy. Our well-stocked library caters for all tastes and interests. A laundry service is available on site at no extra cost. The home is surrounded by extensive mature gardens.

How would you describe the atmosphere of the home?
We pride ourselves on the feedback we receive from residents, their family members and other healthcare professionals on how friendly and approachable staff are. Visitors to the home are always given a warm welcome.

In What ways do staff help residents maintain their dignity and independence?
We really do care about making a difference to the lives of our residents. We respect each individual's right to privacy and dignity and promote their independence and choices in their chosen daily activities.

What opportunities are there for social interaction?
An individual therapeutic activities programme is designed to retain abilities, skills and dexterity and to explore possible new ideas. Social outings are planned during meetings with residents. Our hairdresser and local church representatives visit weekly. Entertainers visit throughout the month providing exercise classes, arts and crafts and sing-alongs with our keyboard player.

Richmond Court Carehome based in Compton

Tell us about the standard of food provided and how dietary needs are met.
We never compromise on the quality and choices of our meals. Menus are reviewed at regular intervals to reflect individuals' personal preferences and intolerances, and allergens in meals are identified. Family members are welcome to dine with their loved ones. Nutritional screening takes place monthly and dietary intake documented.

Tell us about the training staff undertake to ensure the home delivers the highest quality of care.
Training is identified to comply with our service users' needs and Care Quality Commission regulations. All mandatory training is completed on induction and is ongoing. It includes health and safety, manual handling, food and hygiene, infection control, first aid, fire safety, mental capacity and safeguarding adults. Senior staff undertake training in the safe handling of medication and competency to administer insulin. Dementia awareness, end-of-life care and person-centred care planning provide staff with the skills to give the highest standards of care at all times.

How accessible is the home for visitors?
Visitors are welcome at any time and are able to speak to loved ones via the mobile handsets. The home is accessed by both front and rear entrances. The floors are accessed either by the main stairwell, the lift or the stair lift. Within the home, grab rails are situated in communal bathrooms, en-suite facilities and in corridors.

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Care Manager Carolyn O'brien with some of her team

Designs for fun at village dog show

SUNNYSIDE Open Day and Fun Dog show is due to be held next month.

The event is on Saturday, August 19 from 10am-4pm in Coven, near Wolverhampton. A banner design competition for the event was held at Featherstone Academy where students were tasked with creating a winning design.

Four winners were chosen by judges and the banners have been displayed in the village.

The event was set up in conjunction with Diamond Fires. Each winning design received £25 worth of book vouchers from the firm. Entry to the event costs £1 for adults and children.

Free children's play area, tombola, shopping stalls, raffle, BBQ, refreshments and a sweet treat stall will all feature on the day.

Concern as number of region's traffic officers has now halved

THE number of dedicated traffic police officers in the West Midlands has fallen by more than half.

Nationally, the number has declined by nearly a third in 10 years.

Experts have questioned how new laws, such as the ban on using mobiles while driving, can be enforced with 30 per cent fewer officers dedicated to policing roads.

A Freedom of Information (FOI) request was submitted to all 45 territorial forces asking how many dedicated traffic officers they have compared with five and 10 years ago.

The results reveal cuts have accelerated in the past five years with numbers falling 24 per cent since 2012, while overall the number is down 30 per cent since 2007.

In 2007 there were 3,766 traffic officers in the forces which responded. In 2012 that figure stood at 3,472. By 2017 it had dropped to 2,643.

A number of forces increased the number of traffic officers between 2007 and 2012, but as budget cuts hit these numbers were reduced between 2012 and 2017.

The AA said the decline could see more drivers getting away with crimes. A spokesman said: "Even senior officers have publicly expressed concern."

The Home Office said effective road policing is not just dependent on dedicated traffic officers, while the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) pointed out that all officers were able to help traffic specialists.

Topping list for most expensive burglaries

THE most expensive possessions are stolen from homes in part of Staffordshire, according to new nationwide burglary figures.

Lichfield topped the list of town and cities in the UK in terms of value of items taken by thieves. Wolverhampton also featured high on the list. Burglaries were particularly costly for homeowners in Lichfield with figures showing the average value of items stolen was £5,180.

In Wolverhampton, the total was £3,744, putting the city 13th on the list. Birmingham followed close behind on £3,691. St Albans, Durham and Cambridge followed Lichfield on the list, with Coventry completing the top five. London came eighth.

The data from Privilege Home Insurance analysised thousands of burglary claims between January 2016 and April 2017.

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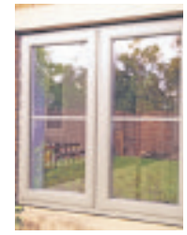

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Headteacher proud over high rating

PUPILS and teachers are celebrating after their school was rated 'outstanding' by inspectors.

Trinity C of E Primary School, in Wolverhampton, was ranked outstanding in all three areas in its Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS).

The school, which has 600 pupils, was praised for its 'distinctive character', the 'effectiveness of its leadership and management' and 'the impact of collective worship on the school community'.

Essence

Headteacher Matthew Welton said: "I am exceptionally proud of our school's SIAMS report, as it captures the real essence of our school.

"With 41 different languages spoken, strong pupil representation from most world faiths and over 76 per cent of our pupils from different ethnic groups, it is such a credit to our entire school community that everyone works together, with pupils, staff and parents showing outstanding relationships to improve the life chances for each child.

"Our governors and all staff are delighted that their commitment to our schools mission, aims and values are so evident through our delightful, confident and articulate pupils."

Football rivalry– but not as you know it

WOLVES face West Bromwich Albion this weekend, but not in a way you'd expect.

Dozens of professional and amateur Subbuteo players are to descend on Wolverhampton for a miniature football competition. The Staffordshire pro-am Subbuteo competition takes place on Sunday at The Electric Club, on St Mark's Road, from 11am.

Cuts, but we will survive and thrive, says city theatre boss

Grand way to honour sporting royalty

Sitting comfortably – Hugh Porter and Anita Lonsbrough in the theatre Dress Circle

WOLVERHAMPTON'S athletic golden couple have been honoured at the Grand Theatre.

Seats have been dedicated to sporting royalty Hugh Porter and Anita Lonsbrough in the Dress Circle.

The plaques recognise their sporting achievements– Anita as Olympic, European and Commonwealth gold medallist and Hugh as four-times world champion and Commonwealth gold medallist.

Both Anita and Hugh have been awarded the MBE and are regular theatregoers at the Grand.

Hugh said: "We couldn't believe it when we were told about the plaques. The Grand Theatre is a jewel in the crown of the City of Wolverhampton, it's a massive honour to be part of the theatre's vision."

Anita added: "It's a great honour to be recognised in this way. The Grand Theatre is a place we often attend and enjoy visiting. Hugh was born here but this is my adopted home and we are delighted to be involved in the campaign to protect the future of the Grand Theatre."

Members of the public can sponsor their favourite seats in the Grade II-listed auditorium or bricks in the new Encore Lounge for five years by donating £250. Donations can also be spread over the sponsorship period into smaller payments.

AN historic theatre facing budget cuts has revealed it will survive funding cutbacks and continue staging popular performances. Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre has been forced to change its business model to continue catering for its audiences, which are at an 'all-time high'.

It comes as the Lichfield Street venue announced it is set to host its first in-house production in 40 years, which follows its £1.2 million refurbishment unveiled last September.

Grand Theatre chief executive and artist director Adrian Jackson said the theatre was only able to secure its long-term funding by changing the way it runs.

He said: "We have made changes to our business model during the last year or so which now clearly demonstrates that the Grand Theatre can survive and thrive without the need for regular public funding.

Proud

"Wolverhampton Grand Theatre audiences are at an all-time high and we couldn't be more proud to see our very own production taking shape."

The theatre claims it is set to lose its funding by next April after the latest round of cuts from Wolverhampton Council will leave it without any regular cash support.

But staff at the theatre have united in the face of the devastating news, vowing to move forward by launching show Brassed Off in four weeks' time. Bosses at the Grand said they will bring the full-scale production to the stage from Wednesday, August 23, until Saturday, September 2.

The City of Wolverhampton Brass Band will also play live on stage during the show, which will be directed by former Hull Truck Theatre artistic director Gareth Tudor-Price.

'Haphazard' policing is slammed

A COUNCILLOR has hit out at the lack of police on the beat in his ward, slamming policing as 'haphazard'.

Councillor Phil Bateman, who represents Wednesfield North, says the area can go for 'days at a time' without seeing a policeman or PCSO.

He said Wolverhampton Council should speak to West Midlands Police in an attempt to get more officers on the streets.

The latest Home Office data shows that there were 11,437 officers working for West Midlands, Staffordshire, West Mercia, and Warwickshire forces in September. This was down from 11,669 a year earlier.

Councillor Bateman said: "Today here in Wednesfield North the community policing is haphazard, the police are at full stretch.

"Sometimes for days at a time my ward of Wednesfield North doesn't see a Policeman or a PCSO.

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Hallelujah! Scott's on a music mission

The churches of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and Shropshire may be put to an unusual use in coming months as the region's Ivor Novello Award-winning Scott Matthews embarks on a remarkable journey.

The Wolverhampton-based singer/songwriter is presently recording his sixth album, which is due for release in April, and hopes to record in a venue with stunning acoustics.

And rather than head to studios in London, Bath, Wales or Scotland – he wants to stay close to home and find a unique and bespoke environment in which to record. The idea is to capture the magic that Scott's concerts create, where fans from around the UK find themselves spellbound by the mystery of his evocative, spine-tingling songs.

Scott became a huge success when he released the hit single Elusive, which was a BBC Radio favourite and earned him a tour with the Foo Fighters, a major recording deal with Island – home to U2, Bob Marley, Nick Drake and others – and won an Ivor Novello Award.

He has since released five albums – including his two most recent, Home Pt I and Home Pt II – and is embarking on a new record, which has a working title of Chapters.

Scott says: "I'm writing at home and have a number of songs. I want to get to 15 or so, and whittle that down to 10. The idea for recording in a church came about because they have such brilliant acoustics. Recording in a unique environment, rather than a traditional studio, also adds a little magic to the performance. There's something that happens when I play a concert, a feeling, or an energy, that the audience and I both feel. The idea is that by recording in a church with sensational acoustics, I can recreate that feeling and commit it to the record."

The record will be released in spring 2018, with an accompanying tour. And Scott, one of the UK's most revered and respected singer/songwriters, is finally recording a stripped-down album featuring only him and a guitar.

SHED

Fans are being given the chance to engage with the recording process by getting regular updates from the artist, through an organisation called Pledge Music.

Pledge Music gives performers who choose not to have a record deal the opportunity to work directly with fans – where they pre-order signed copies of the work, which helps to pay the upfront costs of recording.

Scott adds: "I founded my own record label – Shedio – which is based around the converted garden shed at the bottom of my garden. That's the space where I usually record. The fan-funded model works really well because fans then get the chance to find out about the process while it is still on-going.

On a song – Scott won an Ivor Novello in 2007

They get regular updates, which might include messages from me, video updates – all sorts of things.

"Then, when the record is complete, they are the first to receive a signed copy of the new album, which is delivered to their door. It's pretty simple for people to get involved. They just need to go online and search for Pledge Music, then search for Scott Matthews and all of the details appear."

Scott says financing the project is not the most important part of Pledge. The thing that he enjoys best is having direct access to his fans.

"You might wake up one morning and there'll be a message from someone in Paraguay who has just discovered the back catalogue, which is great. Or, alternatively, you might get a fan from somewhere in the UK who is really passionate about the music and can speak articulately about particular songs.

"That really fuels my fire. Having that direct link with the fans, where they can tell me what they think, is a massive boost. And that's one of the things I'm looking forward to as I record my sixth album."

Scott remains in the spotlight and was recently asked by the BBC to unveil a commemorative Blue Plaque at the former home of iconic British folk singer Nick Drake, who lived at Tanworth-In-Arden.

Scott was happy to oblige and performed the ceremony alongside fellow singer/songwriter Simon Fowler, best known as frontman with Ocean Colour Scene.

"It was an enormous honour," he says. "There have been a few highlights in my career: winning an Ivor Novello, presenting John Martyn with a Lifetime Achievement Award in a room full of people like John Martyn and so on. But being asked to unveil the plaque at Nick Drake's home was remarkable. There were little rural paths that he would have walked along. It was easy to marvel at the things that would have gone on in his room, at the records that would have been delivered to his door and so on. It was a real privileged, a very special moment." Scott, an avid Wolverhampton Wanderers fans, is looking forward to being back on the road in spring – though eagle-eyed fans might get the chance to see him play a few unannounced shows before then, when he trials new songs.

> *I'm very excited to be finally recording a record that's just me and a guitar*

"You can learn more from a three-minute soundcheck, or by playing a song at a gig, than you can by spending a year writing and refining a song. So I plan to road-test a few of the songs with a small number of gigs this autumn. The record will be finished by December, I'll reflect for a little while and then it will be out in spring. I'm very excited to be finally recording a record that's just me and a guitar. And, having released five albums already, I'm just thrilled to have the opportunity to record and release a sixth."

● Fans who want to pre-order signed copies of Scott Scott' new album can log onto Pledge Music to receive regular updates at: www.pledgemusic.com/projects/scott-Scott-studio-album-six

Andy Richardson

● For more entertainment news and reviews see The Ticket in your Express & Star every Friday.

Blondie in 2017

One way or another, Blondie are heart of class

Blondie are back with a new album, Pollinator, and a tour that calls in at Birmingham city centre's Barclaycard Arena on November 13.

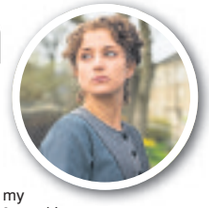
The New York band was formed more than 40 years ago and still features original members, iconic frontwoman Debbie Harry, guitarist Chris Stein and drummer Clem Burke, alongside long standing band mates Leigh Foxx (bass), Tommy Kessler (guitar) and Matt Katz-Bohen (keyboard).

Emerging from the stateside punk scene, they became one of the greatest pop bands of the 1970s and 80s. They still create new music to go alongside such classics as Heart of Glass, Hanging On The Telephone, Sunday Girl, Dreaming, Call Me, Atomic, The Tide Is High, Rapture and Maria.

Eleventh studio album Pollinator, which came out in May, features songs written by Stein and Harry alongside songwriting or studio contributions from former Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr, Sia, Charli XCX, Nick Valensi from The Strokes, Joan Jett, Laurie Anderson, and Dave Sitek from TV On The Radio.

Blondie are also involved in the BEE Connected campaign to raise awareness of the decline in the bee population.

Brontë classic given Eyre time at Rep



THIS year marks the 170th anniversary of the first publication of Charlotte Brontë's classic novel of gothic romance Jane Eyre.

As part of the celebrations, the National Theatre with Bristol Old Vic are bringing an imaginative new stage adaptation to Birmingham Rep, from September 4 to 16, as part of a nationwide tour.

Brontë's much-loved story is still an inspiration. This dynamic production tells the story of one woman's fight for freedom. From her beginnings as a destitute orphan, the spirited heroine faces life's obstacles head-on, surviving poverty, injustice and betrayal before taking the ultimate decision to follow her heart.

Director Sally Cookson said "Adapting a novel for the stage is a challenging prospect, especially when that novel is cited as many people's favourite of all time. It is always daunting when you're working on a story which everyone knows so well. It's a story that I love and have enjoyed a close relationship with ever since I was intrigued, as a child, by Orson Welles' black and white melodrama.

"I didn't actually read the novel until I was in my early 20s and I remember thinking while I read it: 'This is a clarion cry for equal opportunities for women, not a story about a passive female'. I was struck by how modern Jane seemed – her spirit and strong will, her peculiar and brilliant mind striving for personal freedom. She was exactly the sort of person I wanted to be."

In this three hour staging Nadia Clifford, pictured, plays Jane Eyre with Tim Delap as Rochester.

See birmingham-rep.co.uk or call the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Trespass at the Grand for chills

Following the success of The Woman in Black, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre hosts another ghost story when Trespass is staged from August 15 to 21. In Emlyn Williams' play a widow asks a medium to help make contact with her recently deceased husband. The cast includes Rebecca Wheatley from Casualty, David Callister, pictured, from The Bill, Michelle Morris (The Knock) and Judy Buxton (On The Up). See grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.

Rocking all over the Robin with Quo hits

A night of vintage Quo boogie will be heard at Bilston's Robin 2 when the original Status Quo drummer brings John Coghlan's Quo to the Black Country venue.

Drawing on the era From Pictures Of Matchstick Men to Rocking All Over The World, this big night out for the demin-clad head nodders will be held next Thursday, August 10.

Other highlights at the Robin include The Naked Beatles with Lusty Springfield tomorrow (Friday) which may sound like a dodgy movie but is actually a 60s tribute night. Then it's the MaetLoaf tribute 'Bat Out Of Hell' special on Saturday and Flash, Tribute to Queen, is on August 11. It's the Bilston reggae sunsplash with tributes to Bob Marley and UB40 on August 12. See therobin.co.uk or call 01902 401211.

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Billy Connolly

Billy Connolly: Portrait of a Lifetime (BBC2, 9pm)

A programme celebrating Billy Connolly's 75th birthday and 50 years in the business, as three Scottish artists, John Byrne, Jack Vettriano and Rachel MacLean, each create a new portrait of the comedian and actor. As he sits with each artist, Billy talks about his remarkable career which has taken him from musician and stand up to Hollywood star and national treasure.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nadiya's British Food Adventure. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00 Film:** I Am Bolt. (2016) Documentary about the life and career of world-record breaking Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, who has won the 100m and 200m gold medals at the last three Olympics. **3.30** The Heroes of Super Saturday: Jess, Mo & Greg. (R) **4.25** Escape to the Continent. (R) **5.25** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.10 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the second night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, which will include the men's 100m final. Should he have made it through to the final as expected, Usain Bolt will be making his final individual appearance at a major championships and will be looking to bow out while still the fastest man in the world. Plus, medals are decided in the men's discus and long jump, and women's 10,000m, the heptathlon continues with the shot put and 200m, and the women's 1500m semi-finals take place. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Colin Jackson and Denise Lewis.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Film: Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie. (2014) The indomitable Irish matriarch discovers that a plan is afoot by developers to buy the famous Dublin street market where her family has run a fruit and veg stall for generations. Assembling a band of eccentric allies, she plans to fight back, only to realise her daughter is not interested in taking over the family business. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll.

11.55 Film: I Know What You Did Last Summer. (1997) Four teenagers accidentally run over a stranger and hide the body rather than inform the authorities, only to find themselves stalked the following year by a shadowy figure who takes great delight in disposing of them in a variety of gruesome ways. Horror, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt.

1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Film: The Spanish Main. (1945) **7.45 Film:** The Magic Box. (1951) **9.30** World Athletics Championships 2017. **2.00** Food & Drink. (R) **2.30** Flog It! (R) **3.20** Mastermind. (R) **3.50** University Challenge. (R) **4.20** Only Connect. (R) **4.50** Gardeners' World. (R) **5.50** The Sweet Makers: A Victorian Treat. (R)

6.50 Proms Extra. Katie Derham, Stuart Skelton, Ailish Tynan and Ken Burton discuss Beethoven's Symphony No 9. Plus, a Proms centenary tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and Dizzy Gillespie.

7.30 Royal Cousins at War. Part one of two. Documentary examining what impact the relationships between cousins Nicholas II of Russia, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany and George V of the United Kingdom had on the outbreak of the First World War. This episode focuses on the story of the emerging divisions and rivalries between the inter-related royal houses of Europe during the 19th century. Featuring contributions by historians Karina Urbach, Miranda Carter and Piers Brendon. Tamsin Greig narrates. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Corporal Jones finds himself cast adrift during an exercise pitting Mainwaring and his home-front heroes against their arch-rival Captain Square. (R)

9.00 Billy Connolly: Portrait of a Lifetime. A programme celebrating the life and career of Billy Connolly, as three Scottish artists each create a new portrait of the comedian and actor.

10.00 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents reaction to and analysis of the second night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

10.30 Film: What We Did on Our Holiday. (2014) Three children give away all the secrets of their parents' troubled marriage while visiting their grandfather. Comedy drama, starring Rosamund Pike.

11.55 Golf: Women's Open Highlights. Eilidh Barbour presents action from the third day of the event, which this year is staged at Kingsbarns Golf Links in Fife.

1.00 Film: In the House. (2012) A teacher encourages a pupil to write about his relationship with a wealthy family, which feeds unhealthy obsessions. Drama, with Fabrice Luchini and Kristin Scott Thomas. **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.25** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** ITV Racing: The Opening Show. **10.20** Gok's Lunchbox. (R) **11.15** 1000 Heartbeats. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Tipping Point. (R) **1.30** ITV Racing Live: Goodwood Festival. Coverage of the fifth and final day of the event. **4.00** The Chase. (R) **5.00** Little Big Shots USA.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.05 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 You've Been Framed! Bites Back! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including an angry woman who throws a dart into her husband's leg, an electrolysis accident that delivers a powerful electric shock to an unlucky man's nipple and why teaching a toddler to operate a full-size tractor is a bad idea. (R)

7.15 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

8.00 Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies. (2014) Premiere. Dwarf king Thorin reclaims control of his homeland, but his descent into madness places him on the brink of war with his human and elven allies. As Thorin's Hobbit friend Bilbo tries to save the tormented ruler from himself, a vast horde of orcs gathers to destroy them all. Conclusion of the fantasy adventure trilogy, starring Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage, Ian McKellen, Luke Evans and Orlando Bloom.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 Film: GoldenEye. (1995) Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean and Izabella Scorupco.

1.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Tenerife Bluetrail. **6.40** Motor Sport: Chateau Impney Hill Climb. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **12.50** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.20** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** Big House, Little House. **5.35** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain at Low Tide. Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands set out to document Britain's industrial and natural maritime history, using state-of-the-art technology to comb the nation's exposed coastlines during times of low tide. They first head out to the Northumbrian coastline, to investigate the tragic story of a French fishing trawler that was wrecked off shore in 1913. (R)

8.00 Paul O'Grady's Hollywood. New series. The first of three programmes in which the veteran TV presenter delves into the rich vein of cinematic history to find out what it takes to transform a film into a silver-screen masterpiece capable to standing the test of time. Taking in everything from big production musicals to vehicles for enduring screen heroines, Paul reveals what makes celebrated movies so memorable. He begins with classic "weepies", from the early silent melodramas through to James Cameron's Titanic, and hears from Jon Voight, Bernard Cribbins, Celine Dion and the casts of E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial and Beaches.

9.00 Film: Red. (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt and realises something in his past has made him a target. He sets out to reunite the members of his old hit squad to find out who is trying to kill them and why, but in the process, uncovers dangerous secrets. Action thriller, with Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman.

11.10 Film: American Reunion. (2012)

1.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.05** The Last Leg. (R) **3.00** Hollyoaks. **5.05** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.40** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.55** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.15** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **2.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **3.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.05** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

5.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner get caught up in a dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to move out, and Brian O'Shaughnessy and Delroy Anglin chase a £17,000 debt. Meanwhile, in Essex, a couple owe their neighbour £11,000, and on the south coast, debt collection from a Turkish restaurant gets complicated when there is confusion about ownership. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. Highlights of the second day's play in the final Test of the four-match series, which took place at Old Trafford in Manchester.

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away: Violent Encounters. Two enforcement agents make a shocking discovery in a child's bedroom during an eviction, and a debtor gets physical when he is visited over wages owed to a freelancer. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sunderland v Derby County and Wolverhampton Wanderers v Middlesbrough.

9.50 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, which included Southend United v Blackburn Rovers, and Forest Green Rovers v Barnet.

10.20 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

11.20 Queens of Pop. A compilation of hit music videos by chart-topping female soloists, highlighting how women have dominated the music industry like never before during the past 10 years.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Royal Funerals: The Inside Story. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden **8.00** Britain's Treasure Islands **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.15** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.30** From Andy Pandy to Zebedee: The Golden Age of Children's TV **1.30** Slade at the BBC **2.30** Nina Simone & Me with Laura Mvula **3.00** Britain's Treasure Islands **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.30 Take Me Out **12.40** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **1.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.40 Film:** The Waterboy (1998) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45 Film:** The Waterboy (1998) **3.30 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **5.10 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **7.15 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **9.00 Film:** Fast & Furious 5 (2011) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Fast & Furious 5 (2011) **11.35** Family Guy **1.05 Film:** This Is the End (2013) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10 Film:** This Is the End (2013) **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.55 Film: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990) **2.55** Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **1.55** On the Buses **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.15 Film: Dunkirk (1958) **1.25** FYI Daily **1.30 Film:** Dunkirk (1958) **3.00 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **6.15** Storage Wars **7.15 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **8.20** FYI Daily **8.25 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **9.00 Film:** Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) **11.45 Film:** Harry Brown (2009) **12.45** FYI Daily **12.50 Film:** Harry Brown (2009) **1.50** Road Racing Series **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.05 The Goldbergs **3.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00 Film:** Bridesmaids (2011) **11.30** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube **2.15** Tattoo Fixers **3.10** Gogglebox **3.50** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 ParaNorman (2012) **1.00** The Boxtrolls (2014) **2.50** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **5.05** Carry On Cleo (1964) **6.55** Ghostbusters II (1989) **9.00** Oblivion (2013) **11.25** The Pyramid (2014) **1.10** The Master (2012) **4.00** Close

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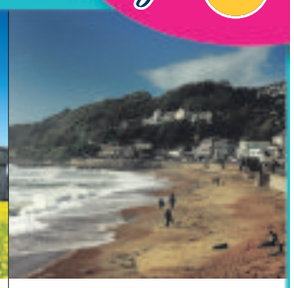

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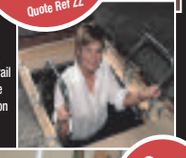

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SUNDAY'S TV AUGUST 6

CHOICE

Diana, Princess of Wales

Diana: In Her Own Words (Channel 4, 8pm)
Documentary featuring never-before-seen footage of Diana, Princess of Wales, recorded by her speech consultant between 1992 and 1993 as she sought to define her public persona and present her own version of events reported in the press, touching on her marriage and experience of public life. The programme also features in-depth interviews with people close to her.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. (R) **1.40 Film:** Frozen. (2013) Disney animated fantasy adventure, with the voice of Kristen Bell. **3.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.40** Songs of Praise. **4.15** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.00** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Countryfile.

6.30 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the third night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Great Britain's Katarina Johnson-Thompson will conclude her bid for gold in the heptathlon when she competes in the 800m, but she was expected to face stiff competition throughout the seven disciplines from Belgium's Olympic champion Nafissatou Thiam. Plus, medals are decided in the women's pole vault, and semi-finals take place in the men's 400m and 110m hurdles. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Colin Jackson and Denise Lewis, and commentary by Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter, Brendan Foster and Steve Backley, and reports from Ore Oduba and Phil Jones. Coverage continues on BBC2.

9.00 Poldark. Sir Francis places Ross in charge of a group of volunteers to defend the Cornish coast after Prudie and Tholly catch sight of French ships on the horizon. George returns from parliament and is outraged to discover that Drake is living in the smithy on the edge of Trenwith land. However, Tom Harry is only too happy to take on the task of making sure he does not remain there for long. Emma struggles to reconcile her feelings for Sam with their religious differences, and Hugh continues to court Demelza in secret. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 MOTD: Community Shield Highlights. Chelsea v Arsenal. Action from the traditional curtain-raiser to the top-flight campaign.

11.15 Film: The Recruit. (2003) Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** World Athletics Championships 2017. **5.00** Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney. (R)

6.00 Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge. Part one of two. The naturalist leads a team of rock climbers across Venezuela's tepuis – sheer-sided mountains surrounded by jungle. In the first episode, he attempts an ascent of a rocktace that has never been climbed previously to discover what kind of animals live at the summit. However, to get there he will have to brave wildlife, rapids and a run-in with a rickety biplane. (R)

7.00 Inside the Factory. Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey visit factories to find out how household staples are made and Ruth Goodman examines their history. (R)

8.00 Secrets of Silicon Valley. Part one of two. Jamie Bartlett investigates how technology companies are shaping the future of the world, and the potential negative consequences of the drive towards progress.

9.00 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the third night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including the women's 100m final, which was won by Jamaica's Olympic champion Elaine Thompson two years ago. Plus, the men's shot put final concludes, and double Olympic champion David Rudisha is expected to be involved in the men's 800m semi-finals. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Colin Jackson and Denise Lewis, commentary by Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter, Brendan Foster and Steve Backley, and reports from Ore Oduba.

10.30 Gareth Thomas: Hate in the Beautiful Game. Former Wales and Lions rugby union captain Gareth Thomas investigates what is preventing gay footballers from coming out, talking to players, fans and managers in a bid to find out.

11.30 Golf: Women's Open Highlights. Eilidh Barbour presents action from the fourth and final day.

12.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Holby City. (R) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special. Phil Daniels, Janette Manrara, Isabel Hodgins and Roy Hudd answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.

7.30 Film: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. (2009) The young wizard is given the task of uncovering the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past as the evil sorcerer's henchmen cause havoc in both the magical and Muggle worlds. With the help of headmaster Dumbledore, Harry ventures into the memories of those who knew the Dark Lord during his early years, hoping to gain an insight into the secret behind his apparent immortality. However, Voldemort's influence extends much closer to home than expected, as Harry's rival Malfoy is chosen to carry out a sinister mission. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

10.25 ITV News; Weather.

10.40 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories. Barrister Robert Rinder reveals the story of a gang of criminals who attempted to steal the world's most perfectly formed diamond from the Millennium Dome in November 2000. (R)

11.40 Take Me Out. A fitness instructor, a pianist, a research executive and a construction worker submit themselves for approval in front of Paddy McGuinness's panel of 30 single ladies. (R)

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.10** Last Man Standing. **6.35** Cycling: Gigante De Piedra. **7.00** Motor Sport: Armoy Road Race Build-Up. **7.30** Motor Sport: Armoy Road Race 2017. **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** UEFA Women's Euro 2017: The Final Live. Coverage of the showpiece match (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 The Mystery of the Crossrail Skulls. Documentary examining the discovery of dozens of Roman-era skulls by engineers working beneath London's Liverpool Street station. The remains have been identified as dating back to Roman times, but it has yet to be determined who these people were and how their heads ended up buried on the site. Archaeologists examine the bones for evidence of the various theories that have been suggested, questioning whether the skulls belonged to gladiators, executed rebels or the victims of a massacre, or formed part of a grisly ritual. (R)

8.00 Diana: In Her Own Words. Documentary featuring never-before-seen footage of Diana, Princess of Wales, recorded by her speech consultant between 1992 and 1993 as she sought to define her public persona and present her own version of events reported in the press, touching on her marriage and experience of public life. The programme also features in-depth interviews with people close to her.

9.50 Film: The King's Speech. (2010) The younger son of George V struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor prove invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth.

12.00 Film: The Anomaly. (2014) **1.40** 60 Days in Jail. (R) **2.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.25** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.05** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.25** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.30** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.20** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.40** Floogals. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **10.20** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.05** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.30 Film:** Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) **1.20** The Royals: Young, Rich & Famous. (R) **2.15** Inside Buckingham Palace: The Queen's Worst Year. (R) **3.15** Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) **4.15** Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) **5.10 Film:** Dirty Dancing. (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. Highlights of the third day's play in the final Test of the four-match series, which took place at Old Trafford in Manchester.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring fathers doing bizarre things, including a showcase of the world's most ridiculous dad dancing and some DIY dentistry using a helicopter to remove a loose tooth. With contributions from comedians Ellie Taylor, Angela Barnes and Dave Spikey. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

10.00 The Last Days of Patrick Swayze. Forensic pathologist Dr Jason Payne-James examines the death of the movie star in 2009 from pancreatic cancer, a condition that had left him all but unrecognisable.

11.05 Film: Point Break. (1991) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a Californian surfing gang to investigate a spate of armed robberies. Kathryn Bigelow's thriller, starring Keanu Reeves.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **4.00** The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms 2017 **8.30** The Richard Burton Diaries **9.00** Frank Skinner on George Formby **10.00** Babs **11.30** Timeshift: Bouffants, Beehives and Bobs – The Hairstyles That Shaped Britain **12.30** Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden **1.30** Timeshift: How to Be a Lady – An Elegant History **2.30** Frank Skinner on George Formby **3.30** Close

ITV2
1.05 Mr Bean **2.15** You've Been Framed! Gold A to Z of Animals **3.20 Film:** Planet 51 (2009) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25 Film:** Planet 51 (2009) **5.10 Film:** A Bug's Life (1998) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** A Bug's Life (1998) **7.15 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.50** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Viral Tap **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3
11.45 The Darling Buds of May **12.55 Film:** Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) **2.50** Wycliffe **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **2.00** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.25** On the Buses **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
2.10 Film: The Alamo (1960) **4.20 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **6.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **7.05 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00 Film:** Cliffhanger (1993) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Cliffhanger (1993) **11.10 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **1.20** Car Crash Global **2.15** Hogan's Heroes **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
12.05 Born in Chelsea: Baby Steps **1.05** Kevin Can Wait **1.35** New Girl **2.35** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Night at the Museum (2006) **10.10** Don't Tell the Bride **11.15** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.20** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube **2.15** First Dates **3.10** How I Met Your Mother **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) **1.00** Short Circuit (1986) **3.00** The Borrowers (1997) **4.40** Small Soldiers (1998) **6.50** GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) **9.00** Child 44 (2015) **11.40** The A-Team (2010) **2.00** Wild Bill (2011) **4.00** Close

PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
A Healthy Place to Die: The Gourmet Detective, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Charming culinary expert Henry Ross is invited to give a speech at a food conference at a luxury resort, but when a journalist guest goes missing, and later turns up dead, Henry once again finds himself joining forces with no-nonsense police detective Maggie Price to solve the crime. Crime comedy sequel, starring Dylan Neal and Brooke Burns. (2015)

TUESDAY
Spirit Riders, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A rebellious teenager is arrested and for her punishment is sent to an equine therapy camp, where she forms a connection with a spirited thoroughbred horse that she helps to train with the help of the ranch's no-nonsense owner. Family drama, starring Alexandria DeBerry, C Thomas Howell, Lance Henriksen and Olivia Osteen. (2015)

Strictly Ballroom, Friday, BBC1, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY
Broken Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An attorney prepares to take on the biggest case of her career against a major pharmaceutical company, only for the lawyer who taught her everything she knows to be kidnapped. She enlists the aid of her police officer ex-husband in rescuing her mentor, while still ensuring a just outcome to the trial. Thriller, starring Laura Vandervoort. (2012)

THURSDAY
Viva Las Vegas, BBC2, 2.55pm
A charismatic racing driver arrives in the city to prepare for its first grand prix. Unfortunately, his car has no engine, so to make the money to buy one he takes a job as a casino waiter. However, he loses focus when he falls in love, leaving a rival with the means to steal the race and his girl. Musical, starring Elvis Presley. (1964)

FRIDAY
Strictly Ballroom, BBC1, 11.05pm
A ballroom dancer, shunned for his unconventional style, tries to win a championship title with the aid of an awkward novice. Australian comedy, with Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice. (1992)

Robin's theory takes the inquiry in a new direction

Thanks to her roles in Mad Men, the original series of Top of the Lake and The Handmaid's Tale, Elisabeth Moss can claim to have starred in some of the most acclaimed TV shows of the past decade. But looking at her impressive CV, some viewers may wonder if after all that weighty drama, she ever fancies doing something a little bit lighter, like a wacky sitcom.

It seems not – she apparently only signed up for Top of the Lake: China Girl on the understanding that it would be even darker than the first series.

She explains that when writer and director Jane Campion asked her if she would be interested in reprising the role of detective Robin Griffin: "I said I would love to, but it would need to be more challenging than season one, otherwise there would be no point. I remember saying, 'I just want her to be challenged,' and thinking… how Robin could be challenged, what she might be going through."

And it seems Campion did not disappoint her. Moss says: "Without spoiling anything, the thing that we reveal in the flashback and some things that have happened over the last four years to Robin have put her in this really, really dark place. She's not had an easy life, this girl. So she starts out in Season 2 in this much darker place, and really messed up, so when I was reading it for the first time I was like, yes, yes, yes, yes!"

But it wasn't just the prospect of playing someone deeply troubled and miserable that attracted Moss to the part – there was also the chance to work with Campion again.

The actress says: "There's nobody like Jane. I've had the privilege of working with some very talented and amazing people, both well known and not well known, and there's something about the way that she speaks to you and the way that she guides you on set that isn't like anyone else.

"She has this very in-tune way of guiding you through a scene. She'll say something that makes you go, 'Oh, I didn't think about it that way,' or she'll say 'this is your playground sweetie. Just have fun.'"

However, the characters don't appear to be having much fun in this week's episode as Robin's investigation into the murder of 'China Girl' takes a revealing new turn.

Meanwhile, Julia and Pyke launch an investigation of their own into Puss, the man who plans to marry their teenage daughter. When their findings lead to a public confrontation, Puss storms out – and Mary follows him.

Pyke and Julia are forced to turn to Robin, who begins to discover just how complex motherhood can be. Moss says: "This season is about being a mother and a parent, and it's interesting, going from that very strong theme of season one to an even stronger theme in season two, with all of these plot lines being connected around this central idea. But done in a brilliantly subtle way, which is believable."

Top of the Lake: China Girl, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Eden: Paradise Lost
Channel 4, 10pm
It sounds like the premise of a satirical comedy – 23 people sign up for a reality series about creating a new society and spend a year in isolation in a remote part of Britain, unaware that the channel only showed four episodes and then stopped airing the footage. However, it seems the reports from earlier this year claiming that this was the fate of Channel 4's Eden project were very wide of the mark, as Channel 4 is now showing us what really happened. Stripped across the week, the footage shows how the dream turned into a nightmare for the residents of Eden – two people had already left three months into the project, and by the summer of 2016, hunger and divisions had firmly set in, as boatman Anton and carpenter Raph built a winter camp in the woods.

TUESDAY
Trust Me
BBC1, 9pm
Some TV addicts may wonder how long Jodie Whittaker's new series sat on the shelf before that big announcement was made the other week. Yes, the one about her becoming the first official female Doctor Who. While the internet went into meltdown, canny BBC bosses scheduled this new drama, and Ms Whittaker, as usual, is on top form, here playing nurse Cath Hardacre. Driven to desperate measures, she steals the identity of her best friend, an A&E doctor and begins a new life in Edinburgh as Dr Ally Sutton. Blake Harrison from The Inbetweeners also stars.

WEDNESDAY
My Family, Partition and Me: India 1947
BBC1, 9pm
Anita Rani tells the emotional stories of four different families - Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and British colonial - caught up in the violence during the Partition of India, as they travel for the first time to the homes in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh that their families fled in terror. Binita Kane arrives in Bangladesh to investigate what happened when her Hindu father Bim had to flee his ancestral village as a boy. Meanwhile, Mandy Duke heads to Calcutta, scene of some of the worst Partition violence, to uncover the amazing story of her grandfather Arthur Wise. Plus, we also follow Asad Ali Syed and his grandson Sameer, two British Muslims with Pakistani heritage, as they journey to the Indian town of Ambala, to search for the house where Asad was born. Finally, Anita investigates the events that led to her own grandfather's first wife, children and her great grandfather losing their lives.

Teach My Pet To Do That, Friday, ITV, 8pm

THURSDAY
10 Puppies and Us
BBC2, 8pm
Emma Lowe goes in search of a special puppy, wanting one that will act as a therapy dog for her four-year-old son, who has Down's syndrome, and soothe him when he is distressed. Meanwhile, newlyweds Leigh and Bella are forced to call in behaviourist Louise Glazebrook when their new pug Butch Cassidy has trouble sleeping on a night. There are also catch-ups with salon owner Hannah, who is taking on her third Chihuahua, and psychic Delia as she welcomes the big-breed Leonberger she fell in love with. But as the small puppy grows, she finds herself completely out of her depth.

FRIDAY
Teach My Pet To Do That
ITV, 8pm
New series. Animal lover and comedian Alexander Armstrong is joined by a team of specialist pet trainers as they teach a range of animals and pets to pull off incredible tricks. In the first episode, the host welcomes a daschund labrador cross called Eric and a miniature horse call Aslan, as trainers Jo-Rosie Haffenden and Nando Brown attempt to teach them how to answer a door to the cue of a doorbell. Elsewhere in the programme, the trainers hit the road and attempt to train River the cat to ride on the back of Moss the dog.

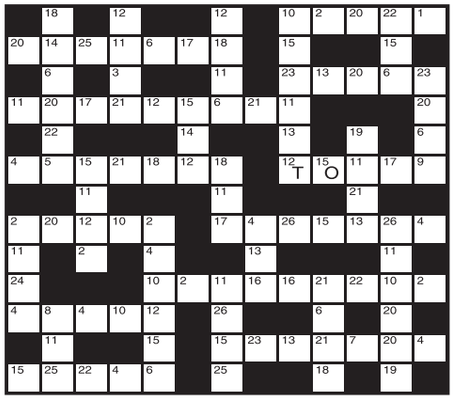
World Athletics Championships 2017
BBC1, 8.30pm
Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the eighth night at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Defending champions are expected to go head-to-head with Olympic gold medallists in both the women's 200m and 3,000m steeplechase.

BRAIN GYM

No.441

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

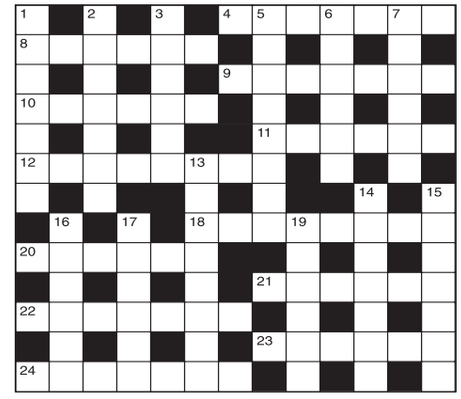
Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. They accompany wild Cortes to the south (7)
8. Charged for being drunk (6)
9. A politician after alternative rhetorical expression (7)
10. What the watch did is marked as correct (6)
11. The top of a sugar-coated cake? (3-3)
12. Not in favour of a little work modelling (8)
18. Fixed a fight and attacked (3,5)
20. Isn't able to keep a girl in bed (6)
21. Top grade fish in poor condition (6)
22. About to do some arithmetic and tell a story (7)
23. Onslaught to put new life into the battery (6)
24. Put one's foot down and made an impression (7)

Down

1. One tail wagging in high spirits! (7)
2. Crazy internationals are tearaways (7)
3. Removes any inclination (6)
5. Seeing about painting being put up in a right line (8)
6. Not in the clique for a start (6)
7. Sailor Brown checked material (6)
13. The cane isn't used for example (8)
14. Artistic work by the shearer? (7)
15. Cause amazement when rags get out of order (7)
16. Half last camping gear in lying out of sight (6)
17. Where the schoolboy may be found to be a tell-tale (6)
19. What attracts the moth to settle (6)



Quick Clues:

Across

4. An attendant (7)
8. Accustomed (6)
9. Mysterious (7)
10. Dried grape (6)
11. Easement (6)
12. Break (8)
18. Unmindful (8)
20. For each (6)
21. Interior (6)
22. Think true (7)
23. Leave off (6)
24. Brittle (7)

Down

1. Diaphragm (7)
2. Melodious (7)
3. Portray (6)
5. Real (8)
6. Subject to (6)
7. Delicate (6)
13. Vast change (8)
14. Shortfall (7)
15. Views (7)
16. Seem (6)
17. Vision (6)
19. A meal (6)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Small change; 9 Hip; 10 Went to sea; 11 Roods; 13 Rush mat; 14 Affair; 16 Sexton; 18 Sent out; 19 Paris; 20 Editorial; 21 Leo; 22 Rest assured. Down: 2 Map; 3 Lawns; 4 Centre; 5 Artiste; 6 Gasometer; 7 Sharp answer; 8 Parting shot; 12 Offensive; 15 Iron out; 17 Stairs; 19 Pilau; 21 Lee.
QUICK - Across: 1 Substantial; 9 Rye; 10 Attention; 11 Fleet; 13 Emanate; 14 Choice; 16 Advise; 18 Emulate; 19 Toned; 20 Constrain; 21 Fen; 22 Depredatory.
Down: 2 Use; 3 Scant; 4 Anthem; 5 Tankard; 6 Agitation; 7 Proficiency; 8 Independent; 12 Eloquence; 15 Chatter; 17 Regard; 19 Tenet; 21 Far.

Quiz

1. In which ocean did the mutiny on the Bounty take place?
2. What type of animal is a marmoset?
3. Which religion is divided between the Digambaras and the Svetambaras?
4. In which country is the Grande Dixence Dam?
5. Of which country is Cape York Peninsula the most northerly mainland point?
6. Of which rodent is the guinea pig a species?
7. Which town is the administrative centre of Cornwall?
8. What do we call the biennial Pastinaca sativa?
9. Who is best known as the author of the Doctor books?
10. The troy pound is used for weighing what?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Anthony Blunt; 2 South American tree; 3 Camel; 4 Uranus; 5 Spain; 6 Sinbad; 7 Oregon; 8 Laurel; 9 7 million pounds; 10 Mars.

Niner: SHIPBOARD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

84669126 gives a poet,
43728 gives a second poet,
573826 gives a third poet.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Remember the old days caravanning with the family, happy times, but would you want to go back to the cramped conditions and trekking across fields in the middle of the night to the washroom? No way!

These days holiday sites and the latest mobile homes are more like being on a cruise ship – minus the sea of course! I recently spent a week in the New Forest area at Hoburne Bashley in a caravan that was sheer luxury. My husband and I admired the countryside as we weaved our way along the roads with the ponies on either side – or sometimes in the middle of the road. Well it is their home after all.

The journey down there had been virtually trouble free in the sunshine and as we opened the door to our new home for the week the outlook got even brighter.

Step inside this top-rated two bedroom mobile home – new for this season – and it is really is home from home with all the mod cons, including a dishwasher, washing machine, TV in each room and a beautifully-finished large lounge.

But the best was yet to come. As I cornered out of the main bedroom to go into the en suite I found a lovely dressing area – something I would love to have at home – are you listening hubby! Combine that with the outside decking area, perfect for eating al fresco or relaxing with a glass of wine, and you can forget the cruise cabin, this suited me just fine.

And there was so much to do on the site – indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, a beautifully kept nine-hole golf course and plenty more for the little ones, as well as a restaurant on site and evening shows from the very talented entertainments team.

Lovely outdoor pool close to the indoor one

Sheer luxury – lounge area is very spacious

I remember fondly previous holidays at the various Hoburne sites and although this time it was different with no little ones in tow it was lovely in a different way as two good friends joined us for a few days. In fact the company does also offer adult-only holidays but personally I love to see the kids enjoying themselves.

We were lucky to have brilliant weather all week so ventured out to the many places nearby. Bournemouth is just down the coast. But we headed closer to the site to the lovely towns of Lymington and Ringwood and the nearby beaches. Of course we could not be in the area without visiting the popular Beaulieu Motor Museum, with the earliest motor carriages to classic family saloons, and its sister attraction, the unspoilt haven of Buckler's Hard which remains a 'living' village.

Closer to the site, in fact just down the road in New Milton, is the fascinating Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum, well worth a visit. Don't think that just because you are not an avid biking fan you won't enjoy this as there are so many other items from across the years on show. On the way to shop at Ringwood we stopped off at the quaint village of Burley and spent a fun afternoon on the murder mystery trail.

The last day, feeling energetic, we hired bikes from The Woods Cyclery in Lyndhurst and headed off through the forest. Back on site my husband went off to get yet MORE golf practice while I enjoyed unwinding in the sauna and jacuzzi. As I said this is the life!

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A fine, Grade II listed residence standing within beautiful gardens and grounds, Deans Hall Farm, Hyde Mill Lane, Brewood, is for sale through Berriman Eaton at £1,295,000.

The house stands amidst unspoilt countryside with glorious views over adjoining fields and occupies a pleasant position set back off a small, unadopted road. Deans Hall Farm is a spacious freehold detached period country residence which is thought to date in part from the middle of the 16th Century.

It has formal gardens, several pools and a field amounting to a total of almost three acres. It also has two workshops/storage barns.

In more detail, a heavy front door opens into the hall with a door to the drawing room which has a beamed ceiling, sash window to the front and double glazed French doors to the garden. There is a sitting room with painted panelled walls and a white-painted open fireplace with a marble hearth.

An inner hall leads down to the range of cellars with three separate rooms and a guest cloakroom. The kitchen has a range of white, panelled units with co-ordinating centre island, a heavily beamed and raftered ceiling and a double Aga. There is a garden room with a vaulted and raftered ceiling and a stable-style door to the rear courtyard and a rear hall has a rear door and a door to the laundry.

A staircase rises to the split-level first floor. The principal bedroom has exposed wall and ceiling timbering and a Victorian fireplace. The second bedroom has a beamed ceiling and a cast-iron corner fireplace. There is a third double bedroom with a lovely view over the garden, together with a well appointed bathroom.

A door from the half-landing opens into an inner hall with the back staircase, a double bedroom with beamed ceiling and a well appointed bathroom. A further staircase rises to the upper storey with a bedroom together with a suite of two inter-connecting rooms and a door to a cloakroom with WC.

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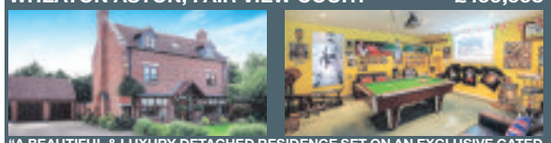

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WEDNESFIELD, PRESTWOOD ROAD WEST £450,000

"A PRIVATE DETACHED BUNGALOW WITH TRIPLE GARAGE WHICH OFFERS ANNEX/BUNGALOW CONVERSION OPPORTUNITY!" Comprising - large lounge, open plan kitchen diner, sitting room, utility, conservatory, three double bedrooms, luxury bathroom & en suite, 40 ft attic area, office, large front & rear gardens. EPC rating D

FINCHFIELD YORK AVENUE £399,995

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME IN A HIGHLY PRICED LOCATION!" Comprising - entrance porch, entrance hall, cloak room, lounge, sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms, en suite, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, double garage. EPC rating F

FINCHFIELD LINDEN LEA £350,000

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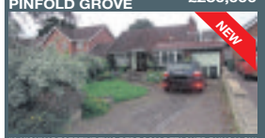

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW SITUATED IN THE POPULAR LOCATION OF PENN!" Comprising - entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms, family bathroom, utility, wet room, two loft areas, front and rear gardens, off road parking, garage. EPC rating E.

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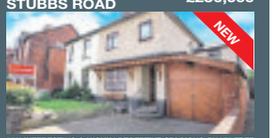
CASTLECROFT BHYLLS LANE £295,000

"A GENEROUS DETACHED FAMILY HOME SITUATED IN A POPULAR LOCATION" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room/sitting room, fitted kitchen, shower room, four bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens and garage. EPC rating C

PENN FIELDS STUBBS ROAD £250,000



"AN INTERESTING & HIGHLY DECEPTIVE SPACIOUS CHAIN FREE VICTORIAN SEMI DETACHED HOME!" Comprising - lounge, sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, cellar, conservatory, utility, shower room, FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS, bathroom, 35ft garage (conversion potential), rear garden, summer house. EPC rating E

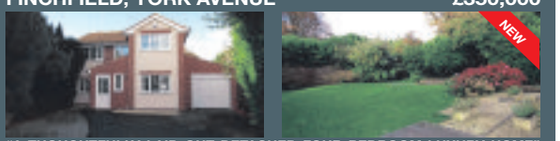
ESSINGTON, BOGNOP ROAD £450,000

"A DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADJOINING GROUND FLOOR ANNEX/BUNGALOW" Comprising wc, lounge, dining room, 24ft open plan entertainment dining kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, dressing room, bathroom, off road parking, rear garden & double garage. ANNEX - open plan lounge kitchen, bedroom & wet room. EPC rating TBC

WESTCROFT, CANNOCK ROAD £400,000

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE FAMILY HOME OFFERING FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION SET OVER THREE FLOORS" Comprising 5/6 bedrooms, three bathrooms, breakfast kitchen, dining room, two wcs, entertainment family living room, utility, FIVE BASEMENT AREAS, rear garden, detached garage & ample off road parking. EPC rating D

FINCHFIELD, YORK AVENUE £350,000



"A THOUGHTFULLY LAID OUT DETACHED FOUR BEDROOM LUXURY HOME" Comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, study, lounge, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, utility room, four bedrooms, en-suite, family bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage. EPC rating E

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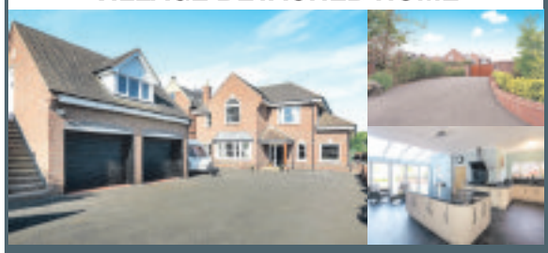

BREWOOD, ENGLETON LANE £750,000

6 BEDROOMS & 4 BATHROOMS

"A FINE MODERN LUXURY DETACHED RESIDENCE SITUATED IN THE HEART OF BREWOOD" Comprising 6 double bedrooms, 4 bathrooms/ en-suites, 4 reception rooms, wc, luxury dining kitchen & utility, 32ft reception landing, TWO STOREY DOUBLE DETACHED GARAGE (conversion potential), gated parking & rear garden. EPC rating B

BRAND NEW PROPERTIES

WEDNESFIELD, DUKE STREET £250,000

4 BEDROOMS & DRESSING AREA

"A CHOICE TO TWO BRAND NEW THREE STOREY SPACIOUS DETACHED LUXURY HOMES" Comprising living room, fitted kitchen, dining room/sitting room, garage, four bedrooms including large attic bedroom with study/dressing area, two en-suite, further family bathroom, off road parking & pleasant rear garden. EPC rating TBC

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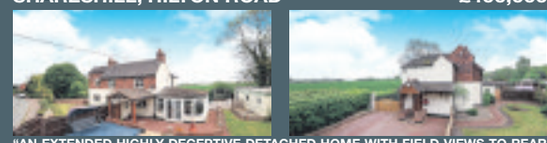
SHARESHILL, HILTON ROAD £400,000



"AN EXTENDED HIGHLY DECEPTIVE DETACHED HOME WITH FIELD VIEWS TO REAR - THERE IS ALSO HAS A DETACHED PARK HOME TO REAR" Comprising wc, lounge, sitting room/study, dining room, kitchen, 22ft conservatory/orangery, FOUR BEDROOMS, two en-suite, bathroom, front & secure parking & beautiful gardens. EPC rating D

LAPLEY, BICKFORD CLOSE £400,000

"A DECADENTLY PRESENTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED RESIDENCE THAT REQUIRES VIEWING TO APPRECIATE!" Comprising - hall, cloak room, lounge, dining room, third reception room, fitted kitchen diner, utility, four bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, allocated parking, detached double garage, front and rear garden. EPC rating E

SHIFNAL STONE DRIVE £295,000

"A MODERN CORNER PLOT DETACHED HOME SITUATED WITHIN A BEAUTIFUL RURAL SETTING ON THE THOMAS BEDDOES ESTATE" Comprising wc, study, lounge, play room/dining room, open plan family dining kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, two en-suite shower rooms, rear garden & DETACHED GARAGE with off road parking. EPC rating C

PENN WYNN ROAD £265,000

"VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON THIS FOUR BEDROOM EXTENDED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME!" Comprising - porch, entrance hall, lounge, sitting/family room, study/play area, kitchen diner, utility, downstairs shower room, four bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking, garage. EPC rating D

ESSINGTON HIGH HILL £250,000

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE HOME OFFERING FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION! (GROUND FLOOR & FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATION)" Comprising - dining room, 2 x lounges, 4 x bedrooms, kitchen, laundry room, bathroom & shower room (all set over two floors), double detached garage. 2 CELLAR ROOMS, WONDERFUL FIELD VIEWS. EPC rating D

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PENN LINTON ROAD £279,995

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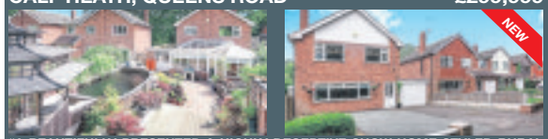
PENN, THE FOLD £260,000

"AN IMPRESSIVELY PROPORTIONED FIVE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME THAT COMES TO THE MARKET WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL LOCATION!" Comprising - hall, cloak room, lounge, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, study, five bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, four & rear gardens, garage. EPC rating D

FINCHFIELD WOODLAND ROAD £230,000

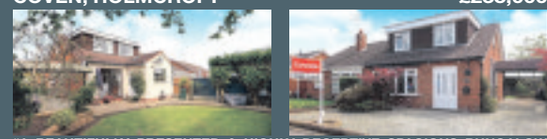
"A TRADITIONAL EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME SITUATED IN THE POPULAR FINCHFIELD AREA & IS SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT!" Comprising - entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, utility room, cloak room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, garage. EPC rating D

CALF HEATH, QUEENS ROAD £299,999



"A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED & HIGHLY DECEPTIVE SHOW HOME STYLED RURAL FAMILY HOME!" Comprising - lounge, 20ft refitted luxury kitchen diner, separate baking kitchen/utility, family orangery, office, guest cloak room, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, FANTASTIC REAR GARDEN WITH 18FT DETACHED OUTBUILDING. EPC rating E

COVEN, HOLMCROFT £235,000



"A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED & HIGHLY DECEPTIVE SPACIOUS BUNGALOW SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising generous lounge with a feature open plan dining kitchen,separate dining room, utility, three bedrooms with adjoining en-suite), bathroom, pleasant front, side & rear gardens with carport. EPC rating D

WEDNESFIELD, SAMBROOK ROAD £225,000

"A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED & HIGHLY DECEPTIVE HOME OFFERING SPACIOUS LIVING ACCOMMODATION!" Comprising - large frontage with off road parking, 24ft open plan lounge diner, 18ft kitchen diner, utility/office, FOUR BEDROOMS & LARGE BATHROOM. Externally there is a Mediterranean designed rear garden. EPC rating TBC

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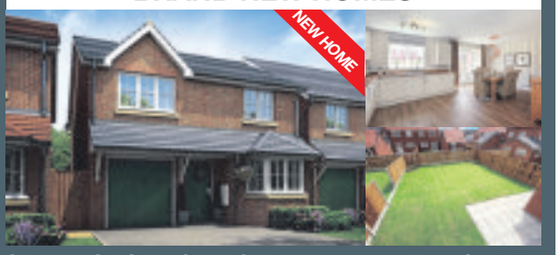

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TELFORD, CLOISTERS WAY — £220,000

"A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED MODERN DETACHED HOME WITH WONDERFUL & IDYLLIC WATER VIEWS TO FRONT" Comprising ground floor wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, en-suite & separate family bathroom, pleasant front & rear gardens with off road parking & garage. NHBC Warranty still remaining. EPC rating C

SHORT HEATH, POOLES LANE — £210,000

"A UNIQUE & HIGHLY DECEPTIVE DETACHED HOME WITH A BEAUTIFULLY FEATURE REAR GARDEN" Comprising wc, lounge with study area, open plan breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, large bathroom with walk-in shower area & feature roll top bath, SECURE PARKING, detached garage & rear garden with decked area. EPC rating D

MOSELEY PARKLANDS, WENDELL CREST — £180,000

"A REMODERNISED MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW SITUATED IN A SPLENDID CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising lounge. open plan dining room, kitchen, large master bedroom (previously two bedrooms), fitted shower room, pleasant front & rear gardens with ample off road parking to side & 18ft garage to rear. EPC rating D

WHEATON ASTON, OAK DRIVE — £169,995

"A CHAIN FREE HIGHLY DECEPTIVE DORMER BUNGALOW SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION!" This home briefly comprises - 18ft family lounge diner, 18ft REFITTED OPEN BREAKFAST KITCHEN, three bedrooms (one ground floor), refitted bathroom, pleasant front & rear gardens with 19ft garage to side. EPC rating E

WEDNESFIELD, CANNOCK ROAD — £169,995

"A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A CHAIN FREE FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE" Briefly comprising lounge, dining room/sitting room, ground floor guest wc, kitchen, conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, fitted shower room, front garden with off road parking & garage, DELIGHTFUL & IMPRESSIVE REAR GARDEN. EPC rating TBC

LOWER PENN LANGLEY ROAD — £240,000

"AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME OFFERING FANTASTIC POTENTIAL!" Comprising - entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, sitting/ dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, front & rear gardens, garage. EPC rating E

CLAREGATE GLASSFORD DRIVE — £240,000

"A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED & SHOWHOME STYLED MODERN DETACHED HOME SITUATED ON A CORNER PLOT WITHIN A PLEASANT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising guest wc, lunge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility, FOUR BEDROOMS, TWO EN-SUITES & further family bathroom, pleasant front & rear gardens with garage. EPC rating C.

BENTLEY BRIDGE ESTATE, BREAM CLOSE — £165,000

"A MODERN THREE STOREY TOWNHOUSE ON THE EVER POPULAR BENTLEY BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT WITH CANAL VIEWS TO FRONT!" Briefly comprises of ground floor guest wc, lounge, fitted kitchen diner, utility, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, bathroom, generous garage, off road parking, rear garden. EPC rating C

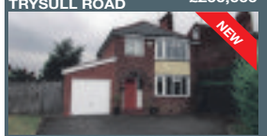
WEDNESFIELD PRESTWOOD ROAD WEST — £229,995

"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE AND MODERN DETACHED HOME" Briefly comprising - ground floor wc, entrance sitting room, 25ft open plan lounge and sitting area, 21ft family garden room, refitted designer kitchen, three bedrooms, EN SUITE, SHOWER ROOM, front & rear gardens, off road parking, detached outbuilding. EPC rating D

WEDNESFIELD PRESTWOOD ROAD WEST — £225,000

"A CHAIN FREE DETACHED HOME SITUATED ON THE EVER POPULAR PRESTWOOD ROAD!" Comprising - generous lounge, 18 ft open plan kitchen diner, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc, pleasant front and rear gardens, garage to side. EPC rating D

MERRY HILL TRYSULL ROAD — £200,000



"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOME SITUATED ON A GENEROUS CORNER PLOT WITHIN A POPULAR LOCATION & COMES TO THE MARKET WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN!" Comprising - entrance hall, lounge, sitting/dining room, conservatory, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, garage. EPC rating E

PENDEFORD WATERSIDE WAY — £200,000

"A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME SITUATED IN A POPULAR LOCATION" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen diner, utility room, four bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking & garage. EPC rating C

COVEN HEATH STAFFORD ROAD — £195,000

"SITUATED IN THE RURAL AREA OF COVEN HEATH WE ARE OFFERING FOR SALE A TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOME!" Comprising - wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, large frontage with off road parking, open back garage to side, large rear garden, DETACHED OUTBUILDING. EPC rating E

PENN SANDRINGHAM ROAD — £192,995

"AN IMMACULATELY PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE POPULAR PENN AREA!" Comprising - entrance hall, downstairs cloak room, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens. EPC rating C

PENDEFORD MILLWALK DRIVE — £190,000

"A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW SITUATED IN A PLEASANT CUL DE SAC LOCATION!" Comprising - entrance hall, lounge diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking, garage. EPC rating E

OXLEY AKRON DRIVE — £180,000

"A MODERN THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR WOLVERHAMPTON CITY CENTRE, M6 & M54 MOTORWAYS!" Comprising - entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen diner, utility room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, garage. EPC rating C

OXLEY GREEN DRIVE — £175,000

"A RECENTLY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED EXTENDED FAMILY HOME THAT IS IN FANTASTIC READY TO MOVE INTO CONDITION" Comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, rear garden, garage & workshop. EPC C

PERTON BADER ROAD — £170,000

"AN ATTRACTIVE CHAIN FREE THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOME LOCATED IN THE EVER POPULAR PERTON AREA!" Comprising - entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road parking, garage. EPC rating D

WEDNESFIELD TOMKYS GARDENS — £170,000

"CONNELLS ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THE DADFORD STYLE HOME - THIS THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IS AVAILABLE WITH AN NHBC WARRANTY & CHAIN FREE" Comprising entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens. EPC rating B

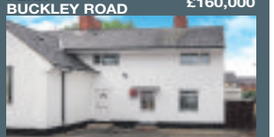
BRADMORE CHURCH ROAD — £165,000

"A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND RECENTLY REMODERNISED THREE BEDROOM PERIOD SEMI DETACHED HOME COMES TO THE MARKET WITH NO CHAIN IN FANTASTIC READY TO MOVE INTO CONDITION!" Comprising - entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, rear garden. EPC rating F

MERRY HILL GAIL PARK — £160,000

"AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THIS THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME WHICH IS AN EXCELLENT REFURBISHMENT PROJECT OFFERING FANTASTIC POTENTIAL & BENEFITS FROM NO UPWARD CHAIN" Comprising lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, downstairs bathroom, front & rear garden and garage. EPC rating E

PENN BUCKLEY ROAD — £160,000



"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME COMES TO THE MARKET WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN!" Comprising - lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, rear garden. EPC rating D

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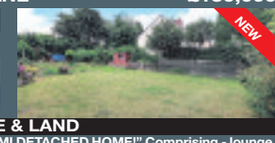
BUSHBURY, BUSHBURY LANE £130,000



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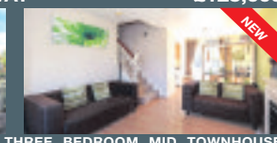

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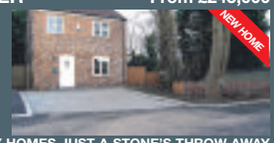

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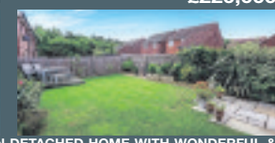

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Deceptively spacious, it is for sale through Connells at £399,995.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, an entrance hall, a cloakroom/WC, a feature bay fronted lounge, a sitting room measuring 19ft 2in by 12ft, a dining room, a fitted kitchen and a utility room. To the first floor there is a gallery landing, four bedrooms with an en-suite to the master bedroom and a family bathroom.

Outside is ample off-road parking to the front and an generous panel enclosed rear garden which is predominately laid to lawn. This property also has a double garage.

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Three-bedroom detached enjoys quiet cul-de-sac spot

WEDNESFIELD
£195,000

Set in a quiet cul-de-sac in a well-regarded location, this three-bedroomed detached house in Oak Grove, Wednesfield, is for sale through Rees Page at £195,000.

A stunning bathroom and a lovely family kitchen with log-burner are just a couple of features. Add a utility, 18ft garage and an immaculate garden and you start to get a picture of what is on offer.

With double glazing and gas central heating, it has a porch, an entrance hall with laminate flooring, stairs off and an understairs cupboard, a front lounge with a feature coal-effect fireplace and a bay window. The family dining/kitchen has a newly installed log-burner. The kitchen area has an integrated built-under oven andfour-ring gas hob.

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Perfect for a middle-sized family car

By James Parker

Suzuki is well known globally for its expertise in small cars and the aleno hatchback is its latest example. Since launching its first car in 1955, the Suzulight, Suzuki has produced a vast range of significant models each tailored to the needs of its time.

A larger car than Swift at 3.99 metres long, Baleno offers a more rational choice for buyers looking for extra interior space and larger boot capacity but may not be looking to move up in size to a Vitara or S-Cross.

Baleno offers the best tandem distance in its class which is the measurement taken between the front and rear seats.

Standard equipment for all Baleno models in the range is comprehensive and the SZ-T model (Available with 1.0-litre Boosterjet) includes six airbags, 16-inch alloy wheels, HID headlights, air conditioning, satellite navigation, DAB Radio with USB and Bluetooth connectivity, rear privacy glass, cruise control with speed limiter and front electric windows. Prices start at £12,999.

SZ5 (Boosterjet and SHVS model) adds automatic climate control, rear electric windows, 4.2 inch central colour trip display, LED rear lights, Adaptive Cruise Control and Radar Brake Support.

After the debut of Boosterjet in the Vitara S last year, the engine technology continues for the Baleno model with an all new 1.0-litre three cylinder version. Offering the same level of power and torque of a much larger capacity normally aspirated engine (1.8-litre), it delivers an effortless drive and genuine driving pleasure.

There's a large boot capacity

This unit has an output of 111PS and is also Direct Injection turbocharged (DITC). The new engine has very compact dimensions and offers 170Nm of torque available from 2,000rpm through to 3,5000rpm. The optional six speed automatic transmission equipped model offers 160Nm of torque and is available slightly earlier at just 1,500rpm through to 4,000rpm.

Boosterjet technology is developed by Suzuki and is characterised by improved fuel efficiency and driving pleasure made possible by using a small displacement, high torque turbocharger.

Historically, power and torque delivery from a turbo-charged engine would not have been available until much higher engine speeds, offering less flexibility to the driver.

The 1.0-litre engine offers strong benefits in performance too with 0-62mph acceleration time of 11.4 seconds with manual transmission and 11.0 seconds for the optional automatic model.

Standard equipment across the range is comprehensive

Suzuki first introduced its Dualjet technlogy in 2014, initially in the 1.2-litre Swift (K12C) and then more recently in the 1.0-litre Celerio (K10C). This technology is now utilised for the four cylinder 1.2-litre Baleno and includes the addition of SHVS (Smart Hybrid Vehicle by Suzuki). The SHVS mild hybrid system is a compact and lightweight system that incorporates an Integrated Starter Generator (known as ISG) which acts as both a generator and starter motor. The ISG is belt driven and assists the engine during vehicle take off and acceleration and also generates electricity through regenerative braking.

The system also uses a compact lithium-ion battery placed under the front passenger seat to store energy and incorporates an idle stop function operated via the Integrated Start Generator. The SHVS system only uses its conventional engine starter motor when first started from cold, under all other conditions it uses the higher voltage ISG unit to allow smooth and quiet engine restarts.

In the new Baleno the SHVS system helps Suzuki reach a top class CO2 emissions figure of 94g/kmplus achieve a fuel consumption figure of 70.6mpg on the EC combined cycle.

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XC60 is generously equipped with real ownership appeal

By Ian Donaldson

The new XC60 replaces a model that found a special place in the heart of middle Englanders, who loved its solid feel, smart but no nonsense interior and the feel of … Swedishness in a market saturated by rivals with German bonnet badges.

That Scandi vibe continues in the new XC60, with crisp lines outside and a cabin so conspicuously minimalist it only needs a log burner and sauna to complete the feel of a trendy Gothenburg bolt hole.

Priced from £37,205, it joins the Volvo range as a slightly smaller sibling for the notably chunky XC90, already regarded as a thoroughly sensible choice against rivals like the Range Rover Sport and Audi Q7.

This is where things get more complicated and might make some XC90 buyers wonder if they could save a bob or two and take this smaller newcomer, which starts at £11,450 less than the least expensive XC60.

The decision might come down to how many times you need to carry more than four passengers with you. Answer 'lots' and the answer is clear; only the big XC90 has a third row of seats, so no contest.

They require that the XC90 is longer than its smaller companion by a modest 20cms, or 10ins in old money. Both cars feel equally and notably wide on some

There are discreetly added contours on sides

British roads. But then consider that the smaller and five seat XC60 actually has more legroom in the second row seats and the temptation to save some cash becomes more compelling. Yes, the larger car will take more luggage with the third row of seats folded down but you'd never call the XC90's boot mean anyway.

Then there are the looks. Yes, the newer car has slightly different treatment at the front and across the back, with bolder looking treatments for the lights, and there are discreetly added contours along the side.

Barring a bit of applied trim titivation, the dashboard of both cars is identical. Which means it's businesslike and unobtrusively smart, with a big touchscreen in the middle dominating proceedings. Seats are clones too, making either car as adaptively comfortable as anything on the road today.

Up front, you will find similar engine choices too, with most sales bound to go to diesels, with Volvo's freshly minted all-electric future confined for the moment to an expensive (£57,950) Hybrid model. This combines a powerful petrol engine and modest battery which gives up to 28 miles of pure electric running and a tiny CO2 rating of 49g/km, which your accountant will love.

Most cars will use a 190 horsepower version of Volvo's 2.0 litre diesel engine (55.4mpg official average and 133g/km) with a more powerful model (235hp, 51.4mpg, 144g/km) as second biggest hitter.

Power hungry owners will fancy the petrol T5 with its 254hp (39.2mpg 164g/km) or perhaps the range topper T8 Twin Engine hybrid with its extraordinary and unrealistic 134g official potential and nine per BIK rating. Expect lots of owners of their own companies to have one of these on the books.

All use an eight speed automatic gearbox and there is an air suspension alternative to conventional steel springing on some dearer versions. As ever with a Volvo the XC60 drips with safety kit, this time adding a system that will help you steer out of the path of an oncoming vehicle if you move dangerous out of your own lane.

Every XC60 has all-wheel drive and all of them have enough under the bonnet to feel at least decently brisk, from baseline D4 and its 8.4 seconds time to 62mph through to the 320 horsepower T8 Twin Engine and its stirring 5.3 seconds time helped with both petrol and electric power.

Out on a varied test route with lots of town work and a famous Peak District pass road on the menu an entry level XC60 in Momentum trim proved easily capable of holding its own in cut and thrust traffic, its steel springs only rarely complaining on an especially chopped about surface. A trip readout of 38mpg at journey's end seemed about right, if some way from outstanding.

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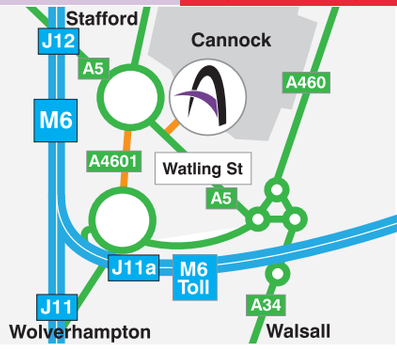

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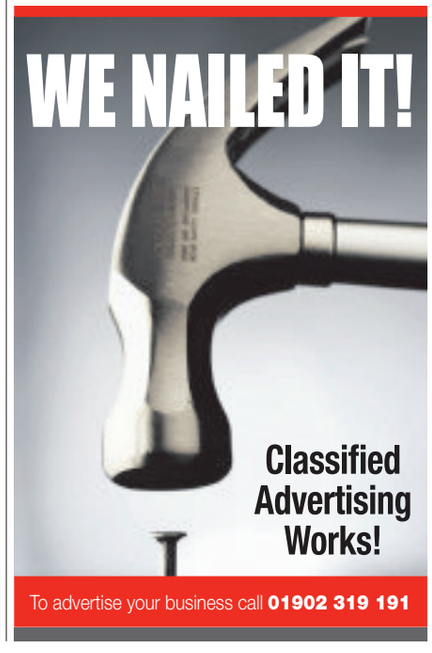

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MALE, dark hair, dark eyes, slim, 47, likes walking, camping, pubs, dancing, looking for a slim, honest lady, for fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427831**

MALE, dark hair, dark eyes, slim, 47, likes walking, camping, pubs, dancing, looking for a slim, honest lady, for fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427831**

I am Kev, 57, looking for a lady in my life. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6023170**

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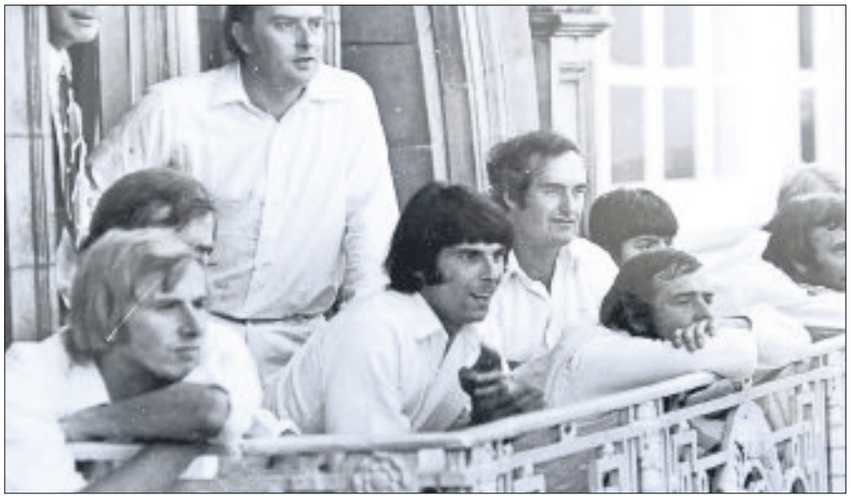
Former England captain Ted Dexter is now a member of the club after moving to the area



Captain David Barnes (standing) looks on from the balcony at Lord's during the 1973 National Knockout final

Wolverhampton Cricket Club captain James Hammond

The impressive new net facility at Danescourt

Pushing the boundaries to get city into cricket

SPORTING FEATURE

By Tim Spiers

IT may be a well-worn cliché but in this case it's certainly apt – James Hammond wants to put Wolverhampton cricket on the map.

The sport may trail behind football, speedway and boxing for the city's affections.

But Hammond, captain of Wolverhampton Cricket Club, believes the interest is there – and he's keen for his club to exploit it.

A £60,000 makeover of the club's Danescourt Road ground in Tettenhall will certainly help. The picturesque ground boasts new nets and covers, of county cricket standard, for the players, while fans can watch the action from a charming decking area.

You might even find yourself sitting next to former England captain Ted Dexter who, aged 82, has recently moved to Wolverhampton from his home in France to be nearer to his family and has become a club member.

Excellent

Next up, Hammond hopes, will be positive results on the pitch.

A run to the quarter-finals of the National Knockout has helped create a buzz around Danescourt as the current side bid to emulate the legendary Wolverhampton sides of 1973 and 1999 who lifted club cricket's most prestigious trophy on never-to-be-forgotten days at Lord's.

Wolverhampton beat The Mote from Kent in their first appearance at the home of cricket and then overcame Middlesex outfit Teddington in 1999.

A home tie with Ockbrook & Borrowash now awaits on August 6 and Hammond, who bagged five wickets in the last 16 victory over Bootle, is hoping it will capture the attention of the city's cricket fans.

"We just need to get more people to come and watch us now," he said. "Results will help, people want to see a winning side.

"The new facilities are excellent. With the covers, we'd have eight or nine games called off per season before, but now it's three or four.

"There's so much space here and we've got the capacity for another 100, 200, 300 people.

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While 62-times-capped legend Dexter is a very welcome addition to the Wolverhampton ranks, it's future legends that the club wants to produce more than anything.

That said, they've helped nurture their fair share of county players in recent years, as 25-year-old Hammond is keen to point out. "We've got Ted here through connections, which is great," he added. "Dave Lycett and Chris Bowyer have done a great job fundraising and promoting the club on the social side of things, holding a lot of things in the winter as you need to create that revenue for 12 months.

Vikram Solanki, ex-Wolverhampton, in England colours

"To have Ted here is lovely. Wine and cheese nights – not many clubs will be doing that! It can only help boost our exposure.

"We've also got, hopefully, a few future legends. We've had a lot of pros who've come through the ranks – I can't name other clubs who've produced the number of first class cricketers that we have."

In the last 15 or 20 years the likes of current Worcestershire player Tom Fell and Vikram Solanki, who also played for the county and represented England, have played through the age groups to adult cricket at Wolverhampton.

Toughest

Aneesh Kapil and Chris Russell, two more former Worcestershire players, have also played for the club.

Hammond added: "And Birmingham League Cricket is a great place to play your cricket. It's one of the toughest leagues in the country.

"Plus there's been a raft of overseas players that have come and gone and a few more young stars before my time."

In the most urban of cities, situated in the football hotbed that is the Black Country, it can be hard for local cricket to get the exposure it deserves.

Hammond believes more competitions between local clubs could help attract interest – and maybe see Wolverhampton Cricket Club competing with Wolves, or Wolverhampton Speedway, for the city spotlight.

"It's not just us, there are so many good small clubs in the area," he said.

"We should brings those games back because we don't play half the sides anymore.

"We might play Himley occasionally but we don't play Fordhouses, Penn, Wightwick & Finchfield or Codsall as much as we should. There's the Black Country T20 week but a cup organised with more local teams would be good.

"You associate Wolverhampton with football, speedway and maybe boxing, but the interest in cricket is up there."

Sykes back on track after Welsh success

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes heads into the Tyneside stages of British Rally Championship this weekend on the back of two successful days on the Nicky Grist Stages event in Wales.

Sykes finished first two wheel drive car on the first day and second on day two in his Batham's Brewery, G I Sykes Ltd, The Body Clinic, Staniland Marina and Summit Platforms-supported Citroën DS3 R3.

Sykes has had a relatively quiet year so far with his season not starting until the Somerset Stages in April. He was leading the "Silver Star" category for two wheel drive cars until he hit a rock which holed the radiator, forcing him into retirement. He had better luck on the Carlisle Stages in Cumbria, finishing joint first and only losing maximum points on a tie-break due to the other driver being quicker on the opening stage.

Next up is the Tyneside Stages which held on the Otterburn ranges in Northumberland on Sunday followed by an event at Donington Park and then two more Silver Star rallies, the Woodpecker and Trackrod Stages.

Gazza returns to the region for Q&A night

PAUL Gascoigne is set to return to the West Midlands later next month for a live question and answer session.

The former England star will take the stage at The H Suite in Birmingham on September 15 to tell the story of the highs and lows of his football career and beyond.

It marks Gazza's first appearance on stage in the region since his infamous 2015 show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, which resulted in a court appearance after he admitted making a racist comment to a security guard.

The event, which is being put on by Wolverhampton-based promoters Showfighter UK, also offers meet and greet opportunities with Gazza and features a meal and a memorabilia auction.

Showfighter UK director Andy Sahota said: "Our Three Lions-themed evening will be a celebration of one of England's most iconic footballers."

Further details and tickets are available at www.showfighter.co.uk/events

Rutter is back on superbikes podium

BRIERLEY Hill-born Michael Rutter returned to the circuits after another successful stint on the roads in Finland to secure two more podiums in the National Superstock 1000 Championship.

The 45-year-old rider claimed two seconds and a fourth on the Bathams/SMT Racing BMW at Brands Hatch. It means Danny Buchan still leads the championship from Richard Cooper with Rutter maintaining third place, 13.5 points clear of Chrissy Rouse.

Meanwhile, Kurt Wigley, 21, from Hednesford, brought his Sorrymate.com Yamaha home in 11th and 12th places in the British Supersport series to sit 15th in the championship.

Twin brother Matt had an operation last week to cement his crushed vertebrae following a bad crash in the National Superstock 1000 class and is on the mend – and says he is 'looking forward to returning'.

The British Superbike support classes now head to Thruxton, in Hampshire, for round seven this weekend, from tomorow (Friday) to Sunday.

Class! Wolves roar back to top form

WOLVERHAMPTON roared back to top form with a crushing 56-34 win over Somerset at Monmore Green. The Parrys International Wolves overcame their first home defeat of the campaign a fortnight ago to get back to their best and regain second place in the SGB Premiership table.

It was a dominant display from the Monmore men, who were in control of proceedings from start to finish and outclassed their struggling opponents.

Two comfortable 5-1s in the opening three races instantly put them in the driving seat and they never looked back with a convincing display.

Three of their top five ended unbeaten by an opposing rider, with Freddie Lindgren, Kyle Howarth and Jacob Thorssell all recording paid maximums while Rory Schlein just missed out in the penultimate race.

Lindgren and Howarth raced to three 5-1s, with Lindgren bravely squeezing around Charles Wright on the opening lap of heat six before the duo shut out Patrick Hougaard with ease as he took a tactical ride in heat 10.

It was a dream return for Howarth as he made his first appearance at Monmore Green since somehow avoiding serious injury in his high-speed horror crash against Poole a fortnight earlier. He was made to work hard to end his night unbeaten but forced his way underneath in the final race. Schlein and Thorssell were also untroubled in their three outings as a pair, demonstrating their team riding skills at the forefront of a magnificent performance.

Sam Masters, battling through the pain barrier with rib injuries after a crash for Edinburgh on Sunday, added a solid score to complete a powerful top five. The Aussie ace blasted clear in his opening ride and worked hard to pass Wright for second in heat seven. He was unfortunate to hit the deck in a tough first bend in heat 11 but recovered to partner Lindgren to a heat 13 maximum.

Reserve duo Nathan Greaves and Ellis Perks struggled, but Greaves in particular showed plenty of pace and was right in the mix.

Andy Handley

Flood of tributes for top club man 'Tigga'

WOMBOURNE Cricket Club chairman Graham Ward has paid a heartfelt tribute to club stalwart Andy Handley, who died recently, aged 56.

The Birmingham League outfit have been rocked by the loss of the dedicated clubman, who filled numerous roles at Church Road during the past 40 years and who was a popular figure on the local sporting scene.

Handley, or Tigga as he was widely known, worked his way through the ranks to captain the club's first team and has also been treasurer and chairman. He was also a well-respected coach and played a huge role in developing the club's youth system.

Past and present players and clubs from across the Black Country and beyond have flooded Wombourne's Facebook page with messages.

Shock

"It was completely unexpected," said Ward. "When you are waiting for something to happen you can live with the results, but when you are not expecting it, and it's a guy of 56, it's a real horrible shock.

"He was just a fantastic all-round guy, a thoroughly decent individual."

Ward paid tribute to the part the former opening batsman played in building the club's youth system.

"He supported the development of junior cricket at Wombourne from a colts team to now having under-9s to under-19s," added Ward. "He was hugely instrumental in that.

"There are a lot of good young players that have come through that Andy helped, players like Alex Hughes who is at Derbyshire now.

The club held a minute's silence in honour of Handley before their clash with Fordhouses while floral tributes have been placed around the ground.

Street cricket proves big hit with Morgan

MORE than 100 youngsters took part in the national final of a cricket competition in Wolverhampton – watched on by England one-day skipper Eoin Morgan.

The Chance to Shine Street event at WV Active Aldersley drew teams from as far afield as Hull, Dewsbury and Slough.

England ace Morgan was on hand to offer his advice to the 14 teams who made it to the inaugural finals day. The competition started off with hundreds of teams around the country, who were whittled down at local and regional events.

The innovative six-a-side format, using a tennis ball wrapped in electrical tape, aims to break down the barriers to cricket for youngsters. It is designed to be played in inner-city locations and is also fast paced – taking just 20 minutes per match.

Concept

Organisers said the game is 'really popular with participants from south-Asian backgrounds' while 75 per cent who play nationally are from black and minority ethnic backgrounds.

The overall winners in the under-12 competition were Manchester Lightning, with Middlesex Mavericks crowned under-15 champions.

Morgan, who also took part in a Q&A session and ran a batting masterclass, said: "It's so exciting. The concept of tape ball cricket is brilliant.

"It breaks down the social barriers to cricket, which like golf and some other sports, requires money to buy parts like bats, gloves and balls. You just need a ball and a bat and you can draw stumps on a wall somewhere or play in an alleyway – and kids can relate to that. We have watched guys like Sunil Narine and MS Dhoni come through and the cricket they played as kids was, I suppose, tape ball cricket."

The initiative is also proving a smash hit across the Black Country after Staffordshire Cricket launched sessions in Smethwick and Wolverhampton this year.

Tariq Ali from Wolverhampton CC and Janghir Khan from Whitmore Reans CC run the sessions every Thursday between 6.30-8.30pm at The Way Youth Zone for aged 8 to 15 and is free of charge.

Youngsters in the frame as England one-day skipper Eoin Morgan takes a selfie

Side book final shoot-out

WOLVERHAMPTON continued their impressive knockout form by booking a shot at some end-of-season silverware.

In the ECB National Club Championship, the Birmingham League Premier Division outfit have now secured a place in the final of the Staffordshire Cup.

A comfortable eight-wicket success over Wombourne booked a showdown with North Staffs League side Porthill Park.

An impressive display with the ball powered the Danescourt men to victory over the Birmingham League Division Two side.

Andy Bowyer led the way with 4-24 from nine overs as Wombourne were rolled over for 126. Matthew Kleinveldt and Zen Malik backed up Bowyer with two wickets each. James Clark, batting at number eight, top scored with 27 not out for Wombourne.

After five overs were lost due to rain, Wolverhampton faced a revised target of 113 and galloped home thanks to an unbeaten 35 from Ramanjot Jaswal and 32 from former Worcestershire and Surrey all-rounder Aneesh Kapil.

Wolverhampton will have home advantage in the final on Sunday, August 20 (1.30pm).

Promotion push is going the Wright way

HIMLEY'S promotion push from the Birmingham League Division One cranked up another notch with a four-wicket victory at Leamington.

Greg Wright's side have forced themselves into the top two and are unbeaten in five as Chris Boroughs again starred with the ball, taking 5-25 to bowl the hosts out for just 77.

The Stourbridge-born seamer took his wicket tally for the season to 26 with his best haul of 2017.

Jamie Turner's 3-23 also did the damage to Leamington – who are flirting with the bottom two relegation spots – with Max Kenny's 28 the best of their efforts.

Lower order Kris Green and Stuart Wedge got Himley over the line in 23 overs. Himley are now five points shy of leaders Moseley and just two clear of Tamworth.

In the Premier Division, mid-table Wolverhampton inflicted further damage to Shrewsbury's title hopes. The former leaders have slipped and the Danescourt side profited with a tight 27-run victory after setting a 217 target.

Opener Matthew Kleinveldt (72) and skipper James Hammond (64 not-out) top scored for Wolverhampton, while Ben Twohig (4-31) performed well with the ball.

Halesowen ended Fordhouses' stint as division two leaders with an away victory.

The visitors elected to bat and were all out for 177, but the former table-toppers fell 35 runs short of their target, denting Fordhouses' title hopes.

Beacon short despite vital contributions

FIVE batsmen made vital contributions but Beacon fell just four short against Whittington in the Staffs Clubs Premier Division.

The Staffordshire side hit 321-8 with Lachlan O'Connor 62 and Matt Stone 57. Beacon made 317 with James Fildes 44, Daniel Green 80, Ollie Green 41, Chris Townsend 40 and Leigh Passmore 43.

After dismissing Cannock for 144, Penn were all out for 108 to lose by 36 runs, while Paul Baker's 65 helped Sprinvgale to 166-9 and a one-wicket victory over Walsall YPF.

Mandeep Singh scored 50 in Old Wulfs & Tettenhall's 215, but Pelsall seconds won by three wickets. Codsall, chasing 80, beat Highcroft & Great Barr 2nds by seven wickets.

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How's that for getting cricket club on the map?

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Big spenders are 'taking the Mick'

FORMER Wolves boss Mick McCarthy has branded Wolves' summer spending as 'outrageous'.

The Ipswich Town manager has been left flabbergasted by the amount of money Championship clubs have spent during the transfer window.

Relegated Middlesbrough are the biggest spenders to date, having forked out more than £30m on the likes of Britt Assomobalonga, Matin Braithwaite and Darren Randolph.

Meanwhile, Wolves have broken their own transfer record, signing Ruben Neves for £15m along with another six permanent deals (together with three loans).

"I think it is outrageous," said McCarthy, who was in charge at Molineux from 2006 to 2012. "But don't get me wrong if I had it, I would spend it. I get Middlesbrough signing their players because of the parachute payments. Bristol City spent £5m on a striker (Famara Diedhiou) and Wolves spent £15m on a holding midfield player for heaven's sake. They already have a £13m winger (Helder Costa, signed in January)."

Ipswich were in advanced talks to take Jon Dadi Bodvarsson on a season-long loan, but were gazumped by Reading who spent £3m to take the Iceland international to the Madejski Stadium in a permanent deal.

However, they did sign defender Dominic Iorfa on loan from Wolves.

"They have signed a lot of players so I knew that I might have to go somewhere else to play football," said Iorfa.

"Luckily Mick gave me this opportunity."

Top ten as new arrivals make mark

Wolves Women 10
Coventry United Ladies 1

WOLVES Women impressed in a 10-1 victory over Coventry United in their first pre-season friendly at Hednesford Town. Several new signings made their debuts while Esme Moran and Lauren Jones made up the numbers in the Coventry team.

Emma Cross and Billie Haynes both had early chances for Wolves but their shots went wide. However it was Coventry who were first on the scoresheet in the 10th minute against the run of play as Moran hit the ball into the far corner to put the visitors ahead.

Wolves were quick to respond though and just a minute later new signing Courtney Jones headed home from a corner for the equaliser.

Wolves were now in control and got themselves ahead in the 21st minute and from then on the momentum was maintained.

Manager Tim Dudding said:"It was really good to see some of the new arrivals making their debuts fitting in really nicely and getting a bit of confidence on the ball.

"I'm pleased with the way we played. The girls made a really good effort so credit to them for that. It's nice to be back home at Hednesford and we're looking forward to pushing on to next week."

On Sunday, Wolves Women continue their pre-season build-up as they host Cardiff City Ladies at Hednesford Town with a 2pm kick-off. Admission is free.

Newly-formed team nets the top league spot

NEWLY-FORMED Libra Lea Leisure secured top spot in the Wolverhampton Summer League with a 21-12 result over Sam 2 unbeaten all season. Sapphires beat Whitmore X and take second place.

Group B was a close call between Lucas and Sam 4 with both teams tied on points at the end of the season. Lucas beating Wordsley Storks and Sam 4 toppling Libra Lea Aqua in their final fixture. Lucas winning the group with a marginally better goal average.

A crucial win for Whitmore T in group C against Chasetown B by just one goal saw Whitmore T top the group with Whitmore Z runners up. Group E: saw Pattingham Belles and Thundercats tied at the top the Belles just snatching the top spot with a better goal average.

Group A: Sapphires 29 (5) Whitmore X 16 (1); Libra Lea Leisure 21 (5) Sam 2 12 (1); Sam 3 20 (2) Stourbridge Jets Black 21 (5); Chasetown A 19 (1) Phoenix Hornets 24 (5). Group **B**: Blaze 16 (0) Wanderers 1 43 (5); Lucas 32 (5) Wordsley Storks 11 (0); Libra Lea Aqua 8 (0) Sam 4 25 (5). Group **C**: Cresta 14 (0) Whitmore Z 33 (5); Cresta 28 (5) Wanderers 2 23 (2); Chasetown B 18 (2) Whitmore T 19 (5); Eurostars 18 (2) Phoenix 20 (5). Group **D**: Dolls 18 (1) Libra Lea Navy 29 (5); Dolls 29 (5) Whitmore B 26 (2); Mac Arrows 17 (5) Whitmore B 15 (2); Fusion 13 (1) Libra Lea Navy 21 (5).

WE'RE ALL FIRED UP, SAYS COADY

WOLVES have 'fire in their bellies' as they eye up a special season, starting with the opening-day visit of Middlesbrough.

Nuno Espirito Santo's team ended pre-season on a high when beating Premier League side Leicester City 1-0 at the weekend.

Newly-converted centre-half Conor Coady starred in that win and looks set to play a key role in Nuno's new-look Wolves.

The 24-year-old is enthused by the quality of Wolves' new signings and says the players that were already at Molineux are highly motivated for success this season.

Coady said: "The players who've come in, there's some really exciting talent there. Also there's fire in the bellies of the boys who've been here for a number of years. We don't want to carry on being a mid-table club. That's what we've deserved – we've not been good enough.".

Positivity

Saturday's curtain-raiser at Molineux is a sell-out – the first in the league at Molineux for three years. Coady says the positivity in the stands is mirrored in the dressing room.

"It's a huge game and one that everyone is looking forward to," he added. "We were saying before the Leicester game that there's a lot of optimism around at the minute. All the players are very optimistic, we're exactly the same as everyone in the stands.

"It's massive that we start well. All the boys are excited about it being a full house, we saw what it was like for the Chelsea game and how good they were that day.

Despite a glut of 10 new signings Coady is poised to be in Nuno's starting XI against Boro. And if Danny Batth and David Edwards miss out, he could skipper the side as he did against the Foxes.

Meanwhile, a loan deal for Brazilian striker Leo Bonatini has edged closer.

We just clicked, says Douglas

Centre half Willy Boly leads the congratulations for Ivan Cavaleiro

Barry Douglas hailed Nuno Espirito Santo's encouragement after Wolves beat Leicester City and said: "We clicked."

Wolves created a succession of chances in a one-sided pre-season encounter at Molineux but had to settle for a 1-0 victory thanks to Ivan Cavaleiro's stunning second half strike.

It was an ideal way to end their six-match friendly campaign – which has included four wins and two defeats.

Douglas said: "I think there are a lot of positives we can take from that game. If you look at the way we did play football it clicked. That's come from the encouragement of the gaffer telling us to be brave and take risks. We know we're going to make mistakes but that's football. He wants us to get at teams. Leicester are no mugs, so there are a lot of positives."

Pre-season has been mixed in terms of results and performances. But Wolves saved their best – in both aspects – for last.

Some of the football on show was a joy to watch and new signings Diogo Jota and Ruben Neves were at the heart of much of it.

Wolves looked fresher and played with more creativity and freedom.

Match to remember coach JP

FORMER Wolves academy coach John Perkins, who died last year aged 69 following a short illness, was due this week to be honoured with a special memorial game.

Perkins, known to many as JP, worked at Molineux from 2000-2009 as assistant academy manager and under-18s coach and was in charge when Wolves' talented youngsters reached the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup in 2005.

A Stoke City XI, where he was a senior academy coach until his death, were to play at Hinckley's Leicester Road FC this week for The John Perkins Memorial Trophy.

The match was organised by Leicester Road FC manager Neil Lyne, who as a young semi pro player with Leicester United also signed for Nottingham Forest with John Perkins in 1989 and remained a close friend.

Wolves captain Danny Batth was just one of a number of academy players to graduate into the first team under Perkins' stewardship.

He previously said: "John was a major influence and a massive help to me during my time in the Academy, both on and off the pitch.

"I stayed in touch with him all the way through since he left the club. He was one of football's good guys and is sadly missed."

In total, Perkins spent 26 years working in professional youth football, in various different roles.

Ennis off on loan to Shrewsbury

SHREWSBURY have signed Wolves starlet Niall Ennis to bolster their frontline.

The 18-year-old Molineux forward has moved to the Montgomery Waters Meadow on a season-long loan. Shrewsbury chief Paul Hurst had been keen to add another striking option to his squad.

Wolverhampton-born Ennis has been on the fringe of the first team at Molineux for the past 12 months and Wolves are keen for him to get regular football.

His progress was hampered during last season after he broke his ankle in training.

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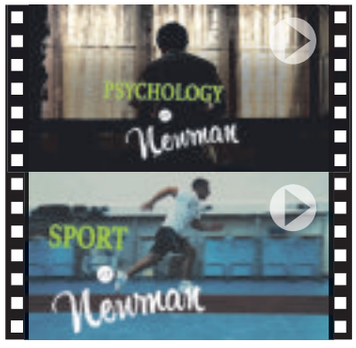

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As a Newman student you could take part in work experience in a variety of inspiring destinations all over the world including The Gambia, Australia, USA and India. A little closer to home, students have worked with a vast array of UK employers and for many students this has led to regular paid employment.

Student Life
Newman offers you all the ingredients to ensure academic success but it's up to you to get involved and make the most of your time at university to become a well-rounded graduate.

For many students commuting to university is a cost-effective option and all students whether in Halls of Residence or commuting, still get to enjoy and actively participate in the thriving student community on campus.

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Campus Life
Our self-contained campus means you can relax, unwind or party with like-minded people in a friendly environment. Providing an additional open social space, the Atrium is home to our vibrant café serving the popular Starbucks beverages. It's an ideal place to grab a morning coffee, a bite to eat or to socialise with friends. For something more substantial, the Sanctuary café is the place to be and it also provides the perfect spot to enjoy the sunshine in the surrounding gardens. Our on-site Senses bar is the social hub for Newman students. By day the bar is home to comfy surroundings so you can socialise with friends, play pool, listen to music or watch the big screen. By night the bar plays host to a variety of events including talent shows, bands, comedy acts and theme nights which appeal to all audiences. Friday nights are particularly entertaining, with live acts and a late bar.

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